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WILD CARD ROUND

Members of Team MARPAC negotiate a turn during the wild card round of last Saturday's 3rd Annual HANMI Go-Kart Race at the Mariana Resort Seaside Circuit. The event was held in tandem with the Mariana Resort and Spa's Marpi Carnival.

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Ex-Rota Finance chief also arrested

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Former Rota Finance resident director StaceyAnn Manglona Atalig was also arrested by members of the CNMI Public Corruption and White Collar Crimes Task Force, but as of yesterday it has yet to serve an arrest warrant on former Rota mayor Melchor A. Mendiola on corruption charges.

» **Arrest warrant against ex-Rota Mayor Mendiola yet to be served**

According to court records, the 45-year-old Atalig was served with an arrest warrant in As Lito on Thursday at 12:08pm for theft, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition, and misuse of government property.

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Crowd favors marijuana legalization

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Most of the attendees at a recent public hearing on the legalization of marijuana for medicinal use are in favor of the proposed legislation. The public hear-



Santos

ing, held Friday evening at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, drew a sizeable crowd, and most of the testimonies favor the proposed marijuana legislation. About 100 people showed up at

the hearing, which took three hours to finish.

The public was encouraged to give their testimonies and indicate if they are in favor—or not—of Senate Bill 19-06.

The hearing on Friday was the first of two hearings that will be held on Saipan.

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Govt wants 6 months to review EIS

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The administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos is looking to hire consultants to help it review and study a draft environmental impact statement on proposed military exercises on Tinian and Pagan.

Inos is also seeking for a six-month extension of the review period on the draft EIS.

The request is not unexpected, as calls for the extension began snowballing as soon as an initial presentation of the draft EIS was conducted last week.

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Military, Star Marianas talk of flight route changes

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When firing ranges are hot, flights between Saipan and Tinian could log as much 10 to 12 miles of distance traveled. But that depends on whether they have to fly west of restricted

areas around Tinian.

These changes, among others, were discussed between local carrier Star Marianas Airlines and the Marine Corps Forces Pacific officials last week.

Eight restricted areas around Tinian are proposed to support this training. The areas can be

“turned on or off” depending on training requirements.

Star Marianas president Shaun Christian said the military provided alternate flight routes during live-fire training.

These were “theoretically doable,” he said, as long as there are required weather min-

imum cloud clearances.

Right now, he said, depending on how the weather is, Star Marianas has the “flexibility” to maneuver around rain showers, for example.

“With what they are prosing—if ranges are hot—we

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Local

Rain fails to dampen Mariana Resort carnival

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Over a hundred community members made their way toward the northern part Saipan last weekend to join Mariana Resort and Spa celebrate its 37th anniversary with their first-ever Marpi Carnival.

Mariana Resort general manager Gloria Cavanagh said the turnout was even better than expected, with competitions heating up for both golf and go-kart races, while family members enjoyed food, drinks, entertainment, and other activities.

Community members got to enjoy reverse dunk, balloon slinging, board basketball, ring toss, batting cages, and other mini-carnival games. Winners and participants alike went home with prizes.

Vendors also streamed in to advertise their products and sell souvenirs. Tourists who passed by or were on their way to Marpi joined in as well.

Aside from the activities and merchandise, Talabwogh Stars, Booyas, Hotel Associa-



A young boy tosses the ring onto the top of the Coca Cola bottles.
JAYSON CAMACHO

tion of the Northern Marianas Islands, Mariana Resort, and other food vendors sold lunch, snacks, and drinks.

Around 1pm, the Battle of the Bands got rocking with 10 bands duking it out on stage.

Cavanagh said there was supposed to be live entertainment but there was a last-minute cancellation. They made do with stage music.

There were also raffle tick-

ets being sold for prizes.

Cavanagh said majority of the carnival games was set up by the Saipan Little League, Inc. The proceeds from the carnival will go to the Saipan Little League.

Cavanagh said they also offered this event to non-profit organizations, school groups, and organizations as an opportunity to raise funds for their cause.



A young Saipan Little Leaguer gets ready to throw the ball at the reverse dunk station.
JAYSON CAMACHO



A Saipan Little Leaguer gets ready to knock one of the balls in the batting cage area.
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With the mixed weather, hot still spills over. Everyone goes for smoothies at the Tropical Chill's booth.
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A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

TV Home Shopping in Korea

Television home shopping remains a vital marketing tool for the Northern Mariana Islands in Korea.

Recently, Interpark, Pacific Islands Club (PIC) Saipan, Asiana Airlines, and the Marianas Visitors Authority partnered on a 60-min. program aired on CJO Shopping Channel and posted on Interpark's website main page. The package sold PIC Gold Packages of 3-nights/4-days and 4-nights/5-days. The package included a complimentary room upgrade, and was supported by a special room rate and special airseat discount price. Interpark also promoted the package on its website and via DM and SNS channels.

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Of 2,000 calls received during the show, 1,200 pax were anticipated to book the package. The target sales goal is 1,500 pax by May 13, 2015.

Through February 2015, 82,950 visitors from Korea have travelled to the Northern Marianas, an increase of 33 percent compared to the same period last fiscal year.



Study on SNAP program for NMI nears completion

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A study on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for the CNMI is nearing completion with a draft report expected in October.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the SNAP Pilot Program I includes \$30.5 million in benefits for three years beginning this October.

This fund is in addition to the annual \$12.148 million block grant that the CNMI receives to help families put food on the table.

Sablan, who included the pilot program in the Agricultural

Act of 2014, said a team from Insight Policy Research, the consulting group hired by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has been looking at how to bring the Northern Mariana Islands into the national food stamp program of the federal government.

During their final data gathering visit to the Commonwealth recently, the researchers briefed the congressional office on their progress.

The SNAP feasibility study is nearing completion, after six years of work to bring the full benefit of the national program, Sablan said.

Fieldwork is finished and In-

sight Policy Research can now begin drafting their report on what the CNMI's SNAP Pilot Program will look like, he added.

A draft report is due this Oct. 1 and a final report to Congress is due on Feb. 7, 2016.

"Whether Insight Policy Research recommends that the CNMI join the national SNAP program or create some hybrid system that better fits our islands, the Agricultural Act also made available \$30.5 million over three years to increase food stamp benefits," the lawmaker said.

Sablan added that the law mandates that the first of that money, \$13.5 million, be made

available in fiscal year 2016, which begins on Oct. 1.

Another \$8.5 million follows in both fiscal 2017 and 2018. All that money is on top of the annual \$12.148 million the Commonwealth has been receiving, he said.

The CNMI's NAP, meanwhile, reported that the local food stamp program issued a total of \$9.09 million worth of benefits last year.

The amount was divided among Saipan, Rota, Tinian, and the Northern Islands. A total of \$8.07 million was issued

for Saipan, \$482,317 went to Tinian, \$513,875 went to Rota, and \$17,932 was issued for the Northern Islands.



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Senate confirms five Inos' appointees

The Senate has confirmed the nominations of three members of the Commonwealth Ports Authority board, as well as the nominations of the heads of the Department of Public Works and Department of Corrections.

At a session on Friday, Pete P. Reyes, Jose R. Lifofoi, and Roman T. Tudela were confirmed

as CPA board members.

DOC Commissioner Robert Guerrero was also confirmed by unanimous vote.

The confirmation of DPW Secretary James Ada took longer, after half of the senators remained silent during the roll call for the "yes" or "no" vote.

Senate President Victor B.

Hocog (Ind-Rota) said he immediately called for a short recess to meet with the senators and Ada.

Hocog said the lawmakers asked Ada a few questions before resuming to give their "yes" vote.

Reyes earlier said he will "seek to empower" the CPA if

he gets the Senate's nod.

He said the authority of the CPA is "unclear" when it comes to negotiating or talking with airline companies that might be interested in having flights to the CNMI.

Ada, meanwhile, said he will prioritize ongoing DPW projects, despite budget concerns on his department. **(Joel D. Pinaroc)**

MARIJUANA

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A. Santos (R-Rota), there were 27 testimonies in favor of the proposed legislation and three testimonies against it.

Santos, who chairs the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, said the three dissenting votes called for more studies and clarifications of the proposed bill.

The favorable responses were varied, as some wanted to allow the medicinal use of marijuana, while some favored its recre-

ational use.

Some of the personal testimonies were from actual sufferers of cancer and other debilitating diseases. These patients said they are using marijuana-based products—such as oil extracts—as alternative to more expensive treatments.

Dr. Daniel Lamar, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s medical director for public health, said that lawmakers should look into fully legalizing marijuana to avoid creating another layer in the bureaucracy.

He cited that, based on the

testimonials, a lot of patients in the CNMI "can no longer wait."

Another testimonial came from a tourist from Colorado, who said she favors the legalization of marijuana, not just for medicinal purposes.

Colorado is one of the states to fully legalize the use of marijuana. Marijuana farming is said to have economic benefits for the state, in terms of actual sale for growers and in terms of tourists going to Colorado.

Legalizing marijuana beyond medicinal use also has an advantage, because it is no lon-

ger subject to some restrictions imposed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

CNMI resident Ambrose Bennett cited the testimonial, saying the economic impact of marijuana farming is very substantial.

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) earlier appealed to the public to focus their comments on the medicinal—and not recreational—use of marijuana at the public hearing. However, he said he welcomes all of the comments made during the public hearing.

FLIGHT

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would be limited in our ability to move around rain showers," he said.

"The military says that Star can alter its routes and use different aircraft types, and we surely can. Travelers can also get between Tinian and Saipan when the military has closed the airspace by flying to Guam then Japan and then Saipan, if we want to follow the military's logic. However, unless you're the military, time, cost, and con-

venience tend to matter, especially in a non-military tourist economy."

"Regardless of the mitigation plans developed, if the restricted use airspace is implemented as proposed, there will be an impact to the ability for people to travel freely between Saipan and Tinian and the costs will go up," he said.

According to the draft environmental impact statement on joint-live fire training on Tinian, the two major airspace units that would have most impact to civilian transit would be the restricted area west of Tinian and

the restricted area east of Tinian.

The EIS notes that if one of these areas is activated with other areas, civilian flights can still continue to the other side of the island.

The EIS says that rerouting around the west end of the island would increase distance and add time to the flights, while rerouting around the east of the island would not.

The EIS says aircraft could fly around the active restricted airspace and remain within 2 nautical miles of shore expect when both the west and east restricted areas are activated at the

same time.

But if all eight restricted areas were activated, single-engine airplanes would not be able to meet the minimum distances from shore. Star Marianas would have to fly their multi-engine craft.

The restricted area to the east of Tinian would be "required for some portion of the 1-2 hours per day up to 135 days per year," the EIS says.

Aircraft would experience the greatest change in distance, or 10 to 12 miles, when they need to be routed west of restricted areas.

EX-ROTA

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Aside from StaceyAnn Atalig, also taken to court during Friday's bail hearing were her co-defendants: Tina Manglona Atalig, 46; and Alfred Maratita Apatang, 41.

Rowena Barcinas, 43, and her husband, Andrew Barcinas, 44, were also taken to court for bail hearings on Friday on separate corruption charges.

Saipan Tribune learned that Rowena Barcinas is a Rota Procurement officer, while Andrew Barcinas is a retired police officer. Tina Atalig is former secretary of then-mayor Mendiola, while Apatang is the former field supervisor of then-mayor Mendiola.

At the hearing, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho inquired as to the status of the arrest warrant for Mendiola.

Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen excused herself for a few minutes to make a call and later informed the court that the arrest warrant has not been served yet on the former mayor.

Mendiola is reportedly in the U.S. mainland.

StaceyAnn Atalig, Mendiola, Tina Atalig, and Apatang face the same charges.

Mrs. Barcinas was arrested for theft by unlawful taking or disposition, conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition, and removal of

government property.

Mr. Barcinas was arrested for receiving stolen property and conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

Camacho retained the \$5,000 cash bail the court earlier imposed on all defendants, except for Rowena Barcinas whose bail is \$10,000 cash because of several charges filed against her.

At a hearing later that afternoon, Camacho granted the request of StaceyAnn Atalig to modify the bail by allowing her to post \$500 cash and \$4,500 unsecured bond.

Camacho found StaceyAnn Atalig's husband as a suitable third-party custodian.

Camacho appointed assistant public defender Mathew Meyer as counsel for Andrew Barcinas and StaceyAnn Atalig. Private counsels will be appointed for Tina Atalig, Apatang, and Rowena Barcinas.

Meyer recommended 10 percent of the \$5,000 bail for Andrew Barcinas, considering that his client is a former police officer and that the charges are non-violent.

Cohen opposed, saying it is a betrayal of public trust and if the court allows modification, it should be a higher percentage.

Camacho maintained the \$5,000 cash bail for Andrew Barcinas.

Camacho said if all the defendants post bail, they can travel to Rota, but cannot leave the CNMI.

Preliminary hearing for Tina

Atalig and Apatang will be on April 20 at 9am. Preliminary hearing for the Barcinas couple will be on April 17 at 9am.

The defendants, except StaceyAnn Atalig, were all arrested on Rota on Thursday morning.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman issued the arrest warrants.

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tar-kong said DPS participated and aided the Office of the Public Auditor with its investigative activities and in the execution of the arrest warrants.

OPA-Task Force officer JB K. Cepeda stated in his report that they initiated the investigation after receiving last February a letter from Rota Mayor Efrain M. Atalig, requesting assistance to investigate former mayor Mendiola's "questionable transactions."

Cepeda said Mayor Atalig apparently discovered that government properties such as computer laptops, folding tables, typewriter, and other items were unaccounted for or missing.

OPA investigators later seized government items such as nine tables at Mendiola's residence in Sinapalo; a laptop, an electric typewriter, and a box of government documents at the residence of Mendiola's then-secretary Tina Atalig.

Investigators also recovered a laptop at the house of Apatang; one laptop at a house of Tina Atalig's former staff; and a

laptop from the husband of StaceyAnn Atalig at the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan.

Investigators also towed a government-owned green Jeep Cherokee from the residence of the Barcinas couple last February.

Mendiola allegedly admitted to investigators that the nine tables were purchased using government funds and that he brought the tables valued at \$1,590 to his house.

With respect to the charges against the Barcinas couple, OPA Task Force officer Melissa Bauleong stated in her report that their investigation started after a complaint was filed through the OPA website last Jan. 27 about three Rota government vehicles that were parked at the Department of Public Works lot in Sinapalo, Rota, that later went missing.

Bauleong said their investigation was launched for the purpose of verifying alleged illegal activities or transactions with respect to the "surveying" of any government vehicles through illegal and fraudulent means.

Bauleong said investigators learned that Rowena Barcinas, as Rota Procurement officer, allegedly used her position to manipulate the system into "surveying" several government vehicles.

One of the several vehicles was the government's green Jeep Cherokee. Andrew Barcinas allegedly asked someone to fix the vehicle and then brought it to his house.

IBB tower to be removed under one training alternative

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REPORTER

The International Broadcast Bureau tower on Tinian would be removed and placed outside the U.S. military's lease area to under one proposed training alternative.

Another alternative would require that the IBB operations remain limited to its current land size.

According to the draft environmental impact statement on joint-live fire training on Tinian and Pagan, "Tinian Alternative 1" would limit the bureau's size and operations to its current 317-acre fenced site. The current area reserved for the bureau is 866 acres.

The EIS says that under this alternative, bureau staff would

be subject to access restrictions. They would have to request access during training events.

Under "Tinian Alternative 2," military training would be "incompatible" with the bureau's current site, according to the EIS.

The EIS says the bureau facility would cease operations within the military lease area within the 8- to 10-year construction period for live-fire ranges.

The bureau is located near the proposed "Battle Area Complex" firing range.

Relocation options were not described, but the EIS says alternatives would be evaluated and addressed in future environmental documents.

Requests for comment from the bureau's public affairs office last week were not returned as of press time yesterday.

GOVT

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Inos, in a letter dated April 10 to Craig Whelden, executive director of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, said the military's 60-day window for the CNMI government to submit its written comments on the draft EIS is "unrealistic given the magnitude and gravity" of the military's proposed actions.

Inos also wrote that the government is in the process of securing funding from the Office of Economic Adjustment to help the government on the review.

"We need time to finalize the grants, publish the request for proposals, award the contracts, and give consultants sufficient time to do the work," Inos said, adding that the government will need the six-month extension to submit its written comments on the EIS.

"I understand that this is a significant amount of time to request, but the proposal to transform the CNMI for defense related purposes is an enormous undertaking which cannot be rushed to completion," the governor said.

'Too technical'

Lawmakers have described the draft EIS as too technical and a battalion of experts is needed for a comprehensive review of the document, which has more than 1,000 pages.

According to Sen. Justo S. Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), the military apparently spent a considerable amount of resources for the study.

The lawmaker said the draft EIS would have required the military to hire experts in various fields, including military and cultural affairs, as well as experts on terrestrial and marine biology, geology, environment, water resources, etc.

Quitugua, like other lawmakers, has cited the "technical" content of the draft EIS, which makes it a challenge to "fully digest" the whole study in a matter of days.

He said experts will also be needed to analyze and study the

document.

Funding for Pagan

At a Senate session on Friday, Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) said lawmakers will work on assisting Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan for a \$75,000 funding to study the draft EIS, particularly on Pagan.

Igisomar said the budget will be used to hire a group to do the study on the EIS. He said a group from Guam is being eyed to conduct the study.

Pagan is part of the Northern Islands.

Aldan earlier voiced his strong opposition to a military plan to lease the whole of Pagan, as detailed in the EIS.

The draft EIS also indicated that "inert" bombs will be dropped on the islands as part of proposed military exercises.

Aldan earlier pushed for homesteading for some parts of Pagan, particularly for residents of the island who were displaced due to volcanic activity in 1984.

TA for EIS

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), meanwhile, said the Department of the Interior has announced a technical assistance grant of \$250,000 to the Commonwealth's Office of the Governor to hire environmental experts to review the draft EIS.

Sablan said the funds are appropriated by Congress and allows the department to respond to "critical needs in the insular areas for which local funds are not available."

In this case there is a critical need for expertise to evaluate plans to develop live-fire ranges and training areas on Tinian and Pagan as part of the U.S. military's shift of forces in the Asia-Pacific region, he said.

"For some time I have urged the Commonwealth government to appropriate funds for this purpose, but local funds are in short supply. I commend Governor Inos for recognizing the importance of obtaining expert advice on the planned buildup and for reaching out successfully for federal financial assistance," Sablan said.

CUC: Military power demand can be accommodated

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. engineers are currently reviewing utility demand for proposed military training on Tinian, according to CUC executive director Alan Fletcher.

In an interview last Friday, Fletcher said the proposed total power demand on Tinian with military operations could be accommodated with CUC's extra capacity.

According to the draft environmental impact study for this training, the total increase of electrical power demand would be 1.53 megawatts, or a 34-percent increase from the

total demand right now.

This total increase is for all proposed 20-week training alternatives. The draft EIS notes Tinian's power plant capacity is at 12.5 megawatts. With military operations, an available remaining capacity of 6.47 megawatts would be left.

Fletcher said under their current configuration, this can be accommodated, noting that they shoot to not only have full supply for peak demand but also to have redundant supply.

Asked about future developments like Alter City Group's hotel casino, he indicated this could still be accommodated with military development.

"[Alter City] have been in

and we've talked with them. As their plans develop, we'll be able to have a good feel for what their approach is and what their demands are," he said.

"At this point...you have

engine configurations and you could always add more. We could always expand. Right now, we've got adequate capacity. So I think we're going to be in good shape," he said.

He said if CUC sells more

power, this could help manage their fixed costs, making it less expensive for all customers. "In that sense, growth is good," he said.

He said for Tinian and Saipan, CUC is designed for

a much larger population but has seen the population gone down on Saipan in the last 15 years. "We've actually reduced our usage. We've got a lot of excess system that we have to maintain," he said.

Brilliant Star School to host 7th Kite Festival this Sunday

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Brilliant Star Montessori School is inviting the community to join the 7th Marianas Wings Kite Festival this Sunday, April 19, from 10am to 5pm, at the Navy Hill Ballpark. Admission is free.

"There will be baked goods, drinks, kites, games, and, of course, kite contests. New this year is the decorated kite category. We have blank kites for sale that come with all the necessary supplies to decorate them. Prizes are available for the most beautifully decorated kite in per age category," said Brilliant Star principal Richard Sikkel.

The kite contest will start at 12:30pm. All competitors must check in at the Kite Contest Booth by 12pm and are advised to arrive and register or check in early to test their kites before the competitions start. After the kite contest, there will be an award ceremony.

Kite contest categories include creatively decorated kite, a new category called bamboo kite, and the highest-flying kite.

Under the creatively decorated kite category, there are contests for ages 6 and under, 9 and under, and all ages.

"In the bamboo kite category we will be looking for a kite frame constructed out of bamboo; the rest of the kite can consist of any other material," Sikkel said.

Cash prizes of \$50 each are available for winners under the bamboo category for the most beautiful bamboo kite, the largest bamboo kite, and the highest-flying bamboo kite.

Sikkel said all kites must fly.

Registration for the kite contest is \$5 per kite per category. All kite registration and payment must be received at the kite contest booth no later than 12pm on April 19.

Registration forms can be picked up at the school, downloaded from their website at

www.brilliantstarmontessori.org, or register during the event no later than 12pm.

Early registration is acceptable. To register, contact 323-7828 or email Sikkel at principal@brilliantstar.org.

Environmental Expo starts Tuesday

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REPORTER

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality will host its three-day 2015 Environmental Expo starting tomorrow, Tuesday, and continuing on Wednesday, and Thursday at the American Memorial Park.

The expo brings in fourth and fifth graders from all over the island to learn from environmental and natural resource groups.

These groups have conducted environmental outreach to over 1,500 students in previous years at the expo. This year the number could go up to 2,000 with more private

schools expected to join.

Tehane Kirby-Joab, BECQ's Division of Coastal and Resources Management enforcement officer and "Environmental Awareness Month" co-chair, told *Saipan Tribune* that an event like this raises awareness in younger people.

She said the youth could help spread the word on environmental awareness in their homes.

Her own kids even help her, she said. "Targeting younger

generations is a great way to go," she said.

Tom Pangelinan, Division of Environmental Quality specialist and Environmental Awareness month co-chair, hopes to teach students of the "islands' treasures."

These "treasures" reflect the Grotto, native forest, the ocean, and land, he said.

"We need to be aware of the environment," he said. "It's very small, limited—once we lose it, we can't bring it back."

BECQ invites all interested public and private agencies to participate in the expo. Over 30 organizations have participated in past expos.

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Also this week is BECQ's Islandwide Cleanup on Friday. Community groups are invited to join together to clean the island of trash and debris.

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Rotary donates \$1,500 worth of rice to relief efforts

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Saipan has donated sacks of rice worth \$1,500 to McDonald's Saipan's effort to provide relief goods to victims of Supertyphoon Maysak in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Rotary Club president-elect Curtis Dancoe said the Rotary Club decided to make this donation because they have a sister club in Chuuk Lagoon.

"We have a sister club in Chuuk and, as a matter of fact, as a part of Rotary Club International, we belong to a group that is called the Pacific Basin Group, so that is why we're donating these for relief efforts," Dancoe said during the presentation of the donation last Friday at McDonald's main store along Middle Road.

According to Dancoe, there are eight Rotary clubs under the Pacific Basin Group and they are located on Saipan, in Pohnpei, Chuuk, Palau, and Guam.

"When disaster strikes we tend to look toward our sister



JAYSON CAMACHO

The Rotary Club of Saipan join members of the CNMI-Federated States of Micronesia Typhoon Maysak Relief Effort Committee and McDonald's Saipan staff at the McDonald's main store on Middle Road after the club donated \$1,500 worth of rice that will be shipped to Typhoon Maysak victims.

clubs to see if they need any of our help. We actually allocated \$1,500 worth of rice and we'll be sending rice there so they can start rebuilding their lives," Dancoe said.

"It will be divided and sent to the typhoon relief efforts. This is in combination with other relief efforts," he added.

McDonald's will be accepting donations of non-perishable

items (clothing, towels, and tents) or food items such as rice, canned goods, and bottled water until Tuesday, April 14.

The shipping container will be parked at the McDonald's

Middle Road location where community members would be able to drop off any items they wish to donate.

For more information or to donate to the Relief Drive, con-

tact McDonald's Middle Road at 235-8577 or McDonald's Garapan at 233-8577. Community members may also reach Marcia Ayuyu by e-mailing erayuyu@pticom.com.

'Some govt agencies actually pay above 30 percent employer contribution rate'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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REPORTER

Although 30 percent was the applicable employer contribution rate as of June 26, 2013, a number of government agencies are actually paying above 30 percent, according to NMI Settlement Fund administrator Lillian M. Pangelinan.

In her declaration, Pangelinan disclosed that the Public School System and the Tinian

Mayor's Office were both paying at a higher 37.390 percent ERC rate.

"All other government agencies (with the exception of the Northern Marianas College) were paying at the 30 percent ERC rate as of June 26, 2013," Pangelinan said.

She issued the declaration on Thursday to support the Settlement Fund trustee's motion to compel NMC to pay the 30 percent rate as per the settle-

ment agreement in Betty Johnson's class action.

Pangelinan said that NMC paid ERC at the rate of 30 percent from pay period ending Oct. 22, 2010, through pay period ending Nov. 18, 2011, as evidenced in the NMC ERC payment history.

She noted that as shown in the spreadsheet, NMC reduced its ERC from 30 percent to 20 percent in pay period ending Dec. 2, 2011.

She said this is also shown in the minutes of the NMC Board of Regents' special meeting dated Nov. 28, 2011.

Pangelinan said the reduc-

tion to 20 percent is attributable to budgeting concerns, as stated in the NMC board minutes.

In the Settlement Fund trustee's reply to NMC's opposition, the trustee's counsel, Dean Manglona, asserted that NMC's opposition brief confirms that its failure to pay the correct ERC of 30 percent is not authorized by the terms of the settlement agreement, but is an internal dispute between NMC and the CNMI government.

To allow NMC to pay at the deficient 20 percent ERC rate would be completely unfair

and unreasonable to the government and all other autonomous agencies which comply, Manglona said.

He said NMC's interpretation does not further the best interest of retirees.

"Simply put, applying NMC's interpretation would be contrary to relevant CNMI law on the issue and would undermine the primary objectives and terms of the settlement agreement," he said.

Further, Manglona said, nowhere in Section 5.0 of the settlement agreement does it state that different entities within the government would be treated

differently from each other with respect to the employer contribution rate.

Manglona said NMC's board meeting minutes indicate that NMC's decision to unilaterally reduce its contribution to 20 percent in December 2011 is attributable to internal budget issues.

The NMI Settlement Fund trustee has asked the court for an order requiring NMC to comply with the settlement agreement in Johnson's class action by paying all outstanding and accrued employer contributions and penalties in the amount of \$75,080.79.



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Man allegedly harasses ex-lawmaker's wife, hits cop

A former Department of Corrections officer allegedly sexually harassed the wife of former representative Juan Reyes inside a restaurant in Chalan Piao and then hit a police officer with a baton as he tried to escape Thursday at noon.

Police officer David Rabauliman managed to grab the baton from the suspect, Thomas Cabrera Camacho, while police officer Edwin Aguon sprayed him with pepper mace to subdue him.

Camacho, 54, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, and obstructing justice.

At a bail hearing on Friday afternoon, Camacho told Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho that he works for the Central Intelligence Agency and that he cannot disclose his salary.

Camacho used to own the Summer Holiday Hotel in Garapan.

Assistant public defender Mathew Meyer, counsel for the suspect, asked the court for a mental evaluation of his client.

Judge Camacho imposed a \$10,000 cash bail and instructed Meyer to submit in writing the motion for mental evaluation.

Preliminary hearing will be on April 20 at 9am.

Police detective Vincent A. Igisaiar stated in his report that the Department of Public Safety received a call on Thursday at 12:04pm from the wife of former representative Reyes that

Camacho was harassing her at Gold Ribbon Restaurant in Chalan Piao.

When Rabauliman and Aguon arrived at Gold Ribbon, they saw Camacho arguing with a cashier.

Rabauliman repeatedly asked Camacho to step outside, but the defendant refused and pulled out a baton and threatened to hit

the officer with it.

Camacho then fled through the back door of the restaurant and crossed the road to Subway Restaurant. Outside Subway, the suspect twice attempted to hit Rabauliman with the baton before running through the Sablan Building to the exit toward As Perdido Road.

Along As Perdido Road, Camacho allegedly hit Rabauliman with the baton on the right hand.

Rabauliman and Aguon later subdued Camacho and ar-

rested him.

In Igisaiar's interview with the victim, she stated that Camacho was paying at the counter when she arrived at Gold Ribbon. As she was choosing her order, Camacho was talking and moving closer to her. When she asked if he was talking to her, he replied that he was. Camacho then pointed a key at her crotch.

When she told him her husband is Liling (Reyes), he stopped moving closer and said he knows Liling and that Liling came to his house and trashed his plants. He told her to call her husband so he could kick him.

She went outside the restaurant but he followed her. Scared,

she went back inside. He followed her, again pointing the key to her crotch, telling her she has "nice private parts."

The victim fled inside the restaurant's kitchen, where she called police. Camacho followed her to the kitchen but later backed out.

When the officers arrived, Camacho tried hitting one of them with his baton. She got more frightened and, with the assistance of the cashier, she hid in the office until she was informed that Camacho had fled.

She called her husband and they later went to the police to file a complaint. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Food, water, energy security top concerns after Maysak

POHNPEI, Federated States of Micronesia—The urgent restoration of crops and solar systems, and the provision of potable water, are immediate concerns for the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in its support to the Federated States of Micronesia in the wake of Supertyphoon Maysak.

A state of emergency remains in place in the states of Chuuk and Yap following severe damage to crops, water catchments, buildings, solar installations and other infrastructure caused by the Category 5 typhoon just over one week ago.

Through its North Pacific Regional Office in the FSM capital of Pohnpei, SPC is working closely with the government, including the nation-

al Office of Environment and Emergency Management, and development partners to identify immediate and longer-term assistance needs.

In Ulithi, in Yap State, the government estimates 100 percent of crops were destroyed, with major crop damage also in Fais and Piig, while other islands are also impacted by salt water inundation.

In Chuuk State, 80 percent of breadfruit, banana and taro crops are estimated to be damaged.

In addition, SPC is concerned by aerial surveys that show damage to solar PV micro-grids installed on five outer islands of Yap, including Ulithi and Fais.

The micro-grids were installed

through a European Union-funded North Pacific Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Project, which is run by SPC.

"The SPC director-general, Dr. Colin Tukuitonga, last week wrote to President Mori offering SPC assistance in the immediate phase through to long term rebuilding," the director of SPC's North Pacific Regional Office, Gerald Zackios, said.

"We're working with the national government on a two-year agriculture recovery plan and budget, likely to include the provision of salt-tolerant tissue culture crop varieties, including from SPC's Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees in Suva, Fiji," he said.

"The team leader of our

renewable energy project is visiting Ulithi atoll in Yap as part of a technical team to assess the damage to infrastructure and estimate the cost of restoring the solar systems," Zackios said.

The agriculture recovery plan will be finalized once the government's crop assessment damage report is completed.

The good news is that a pump house erected through the SPC-implemented, European Union-supported Global Climate Change Alliance Project in Fais, literally days before Supertyphoon Maysak, has survived intact.

Last April 4, a Yap State Public Services Corp. crew was able to remove the solar-powered pump from the pump

house and install it temporarily at a well where it has since been drawing 12 gallons (45 liters) of water per minute, helping to alleviate water shortages in Fais.

Zackios said that portable jerry cans acquired for the same project, due to be shipped with new water tanks to Fais later this month, have instead been filled with potable water and taken to Yap State outer islands on the early relief boats.

"The planned delivery and installation of 45 large household rainwater harvesting tanks to communities on Fais will proceed within the next month, providing important relief."

"The 1,300 gallon (5,000 li-

ters) tanks will be shipped to the edge of the reef and then floated, or lightered, ashore, which is the only possible means of delivery," Zackios said.

Under the guidance of the FSM Emergency Task Force, Emergency Operation Centers are open in Chuuk and Yap States while the government is conducting needs assessments with support from the International Organization for Migration and Micronesia Red Cross Society.

Emergency centers in all four FSM states were renovated to strengthen the buildings, while a new center was constructed in Palikir, as part of a European Union-funded project supported by SPC. (SPC)

Man in gas card theft pleads guilty

James Anthony Webb, a 24-year-old ex-convict who stole a gas credit card belonging to a radio station and used it to buy \$94.21 worth of gas and other items, pleaded guilty on Friday and was sentenced to a year in prison.

Webb pleaded guilty to theft as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Webb to the maximum of one year in prison, with the first two months to be served without the possibility of parole.

Webb was given credit for 69 days. The remainder of his sentence may be imposed in whole or in part for violation of law or Office of the Adult Probation rules. This means Webb is now out of prison.

Webb was placed on supervised probation for three years.

He was required to pay a \$300 fine, court costs, and probation fees. He was ordered to perform 300 hours of community service and pay \$94.21 in restitution to the Shell Highway Express in Gualo Rai.

Webb agreed to cooperate in an ongoing police investigation of a burglary case, including testifying in any court proceedings.

The government agreed not to use his guilty plea in this case as a basis for revocation of probation in his previous criminal conviction.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, on Jan. 31, 2014 on Saipan, Webb stole the credit card of the KZNM/KCMI radio station and purchased gas and other items in the amount of \$94.21 at Shell Highway Express in Gualo Rai. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Bayani to host gay pageant called 'Queen of the World'

The Bayani Association will be celebrating its 14th anniversary on July 8, 2015. As part of the celebration, the group will be hosting a Queen of the World gay pageant. Candidates must be 21 years old and above and Filipino citizens. The group

it will help them finance the different costumes that they will use for the upcoming International Festival of Cultures. The Bayani Association was one of the participants of the festival last year.

Bayani president Mario Mayuga said he is grateful to IT&E general manager Rose Soledad for giving her vote of confidence in the group to handle this event.

The deadline for the application will be on May 9, 2015, Saturday, then the general meeting for all candidates will be on May 16, 2015. The venue and time will be announced later.

"We are also looking for donors and sponsors for this event," Mayuga said.

Those interested to join may call Mayuga at 285-1021; Bayani vice president Leonila Mendoza at 287-7563; event coordinator Annamae Adaza at 483-5237; or event director Ernie Molina at 789-8212. (Bayani)



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Shirley Sablan, Pacifica Insurance general manager, far left, together with Pacifica Insurance staff and Northern Marianas College Foundation Tournament committee, take a photo with the \$5,000 hole-in-one donation for this year's 12th Annual NMC Foundation Golf Tournament.

NMC FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pacifica Insurance donates \$5,000 for hole-in-one prize

Reinforcing its commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for CNMI students, Pacifica Insurance recently presented a \$5,000 hole-in-one prize for the upcoming 12th Annual NMC Foundation

Open golf tournament scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2015. The first lucky golfer who makes a hole-in-one at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort's hole 3 at the west course will win the \$5,000 prize.

"We are proud of the long-standing partnership that our company has with the Northern Marianas College," said Shirley Sablan, general manager of Pacifica Insurance. "We will continue to support

the college and its efforts to advance higher education and to play a central role in the training and development of the local workforce. I would like to also encourage other businesses in the community to donate to the NMC Foundation."

The NMC Foundation is a non-profit organization whose goal is to raise funds to support the Northern Marianas College, the CNMI's lone postsecondary educational institution. The organization is composed of individuals who are dedicated and committed to ensuring that CNMI students receive the utmost support in pursuing their educa-

tional goals.

The golf tournament will be held at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort (west course) with a show time of 6am and shotgun start at 7am and will follow a medal play format. There will be six separate flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, Seniors, and Ladies.

The entrance fee is \$95 per player. Payments for the entrance fee can be made at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, and the NMC Cashier.

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Position: Demi Chef (3)

Qualifications: 4 years work experience in a high volume restaurant or hotel as a Demi Chef. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards are essential. Proven track of food preparation, presentation and preservation knowledge is an essential. Must be a dedicated team player with the ability to work in a multicultural environment. Willing to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Sous Chef (1)

Qualifications: 5years previous kitchen management/supervisory experience is required preferably from a large volume restaurant or hotel. Must have understanding and knowledge of safety, sanitation and food handling procedures. Able to work in a team environment; must have problem solving abilities, be self-motivated and organized. Committed to quality service and food and beverage knowledge. Ability to work calmly and effectively under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

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Position: General Maintenance Worker (2)

Qualifications: 2 years work experience as a Handyman is required and preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects. Possession of a driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Front Desk Manager (1)

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Position: Guest Relations Agent (1)

Qualifications: High School Graduate or equivalent. 1 year previous work experience as guest relations agent in a high volume or full service hotel is highly preferred. Language speaking skill in Japanese, Korean or Chinese is advantageous. Strong customer service and communication skills are essential. Must have good problem solving skills. Must be able to multi-task and is a team player. Knowledge of computer applications is required.

Position: Electrician (1)

Qualifications: 2 years experience as electrician in commercial, industrial and residential building electrical works is required. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

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The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project is composed of a Base Bid Items and 3 Additive Bid Items. The base bid consists of construction of a new lift station to replace the existing W-5 lift station; installation of new gravity mains from existing W-4 lift station to the new W-5 lift station; installation of force main from the new W-5 lift station to the nearby gravity sewer main, thereby eliminating existing sewer lift stations; installation of Owner-Furnished Contractor-Installed (OFCI) products; construction of a new generator building and appurtenances; demolition of the W-4 generator building and appurtenances; demolition and restoration existing minor structures and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. Additive Bid No. 1 consists of archaeological and unexploded ordnance standby and monitoring services. Additive Bid No. 2 consists of a bar screen and appurtenances for the new W-5 lift station. Additive Bid Item No. 3 consists of the installation of new gravity sewer main and manholes from existing W-6 lift station to W-5 such that W-6 can be eliminated; demolition of the W-6 electrical building, new laterals, and the restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **March 27, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-005, Rev.1, W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 21, 2015**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of *fifteen percent (15%)* of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of *one hundred percent (100%)* of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of *one hundred percent (100%)* of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 2, 2015** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Chief Engineer via email at john.riegel@cucgov.org and Nicolette Villagomez, Junior Engineer, Water & Wastewater via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Opinion

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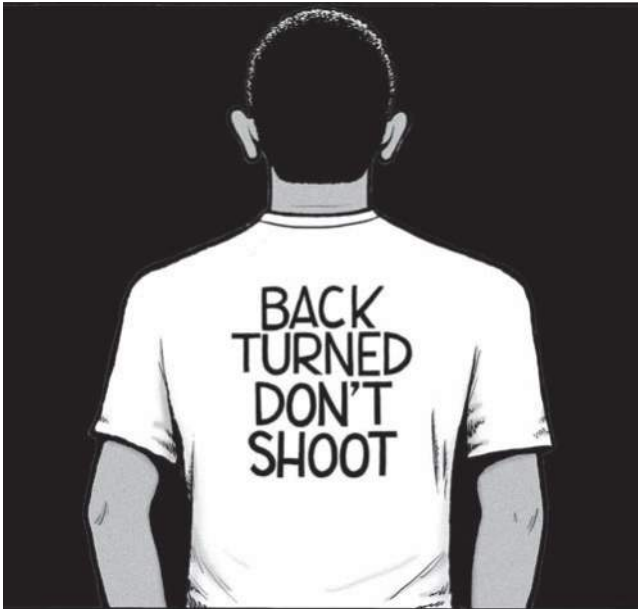
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EDITORIAL

Police need to be trusted



"Every time I close my eyes, all I see is my brother taking those bullets."—Rodney Scott

Once again, a police department is under scrutiny after a white officer's apparent misuse of deadly force left an unarmed black man dead and his loved ones and the rest of the world asking questions.

Walter L. Scott, 50, was shot and killed last weekend by North Charleston, S.C., Patrolman First Class Michael T. Slager, 33, a five-year veteran of the city's Police Department. The shooting was caught on video by a bystander with a cellphone camera.

The video, which surfaced Tuesday, appears to refute Slager's allegation that he shot Scott because he felt threatened. It shows the officer firing eight times at a fleeing man who had been stopped for driving with a broken brake light. Four bullets reportedly struck Scott in or below his back, and a fifth clipped his ear.

Almost as disturbing as watching an officer shoot an unarmed man is seeing Slager and another officer do little to save his life. Police reports said the officers administered CPR. But the video doesn't show that. Rather, it shows Slager handcuffing a mortally wounded Scott and the officers lifting his shirt to look at his wounds.

The video also shows Slager walking back to where he and Scott struggled, picking up an unknown object, and dropping it on the ground near where Scott is lying. There is speculation that Slager moved his dropped Taser to corroborate his story that Scott had taken it.

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division has charged Slater with murder, and the FBI and Justice Department are also investigating. Perhaps the video will make it easier to find the truth and keep the case from following the

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Made in Saipan

They were poetry in motion. Four extended bellies displayed in trimester glory sauntered over one of Oleai's grocery stores, bubbly and animated, giggly in their innocent girlishness. None could have been over 22 years old and they did not look like sophisticated girls of Shanghai.

They looked like they were wearing frumpy house dusters, forced to stepped out of the kitchen to pick up a handful of spices, and from the sound of their chats they are from Guangdong, one of the southern provinces that encompasses the Pearl River basin and delta, which strings Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Kowloon to Xiang Gang, aka Hong Kong to the Brits.

Why they congregate on Saipan is not a secret at all. They came to deliver their babies in one of the farthest outposts of American sovereignty, where with Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, America's day begins. It also gives the baby the privilege to get a blue passport and an SS number by virtue of being born on American soil.

There is nothing illegal about the practice but non-compliance with immigration rules is widespread. Well-heeled Filipino ladies who visited kin on island when the CNMI government still ran immigration had at their disposal American maternity wards, less crowded and more hygienic than those in Metro Manila, and, of course, relatively cheaper. I was naïve enough to think that the practice was for the wellbeing of the mother. Duh!

I was still dismissive of the prevalence of the practice even after reading Hong Kong's accounts in the Chinese press of closing off its "maternity tourism." It appears that a court judgment in 2001 literally opened the floodgates for China's mainland mothers to deliver in the former British colony; newborn was eligible to get HK identity papers that allowed Xiang Gang residency even if the parents did not reside in the city. Baby births in 2001 from mainland mothers rose from 8 to 80 percent in a decade until the administration stemmed the tide.

The practice turned to the CNMI!

A Beijing acquaintance who retired in Shenyang relates how a trip to Saipan to deliver a baby was popular among friends in the capital city, four of them having made the trip within the last two years. "Birth tourism," pejoratively used, referred by the press on the practice with no less than Gov. Eloy Inos reportedly threatening to raise the birth certificate fee from the normal \$20 to \$50,000, meant to crack a smile but nevertheless got the point across. The gov's threat notwithstanding, the practice impacts Chinese tourism with consequences on island medical services.

Birth deliveries outside of China allow dual identities in a country that does not recognize dual citizenship. It is also a response to the

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one-child policy of the previous era when having a second child was frowned upon and not supported by the social services normally available to a one-child family. Chinese families are resilient enough to assign a foreign-born child to a childless relation to be the legal parent.

The four girls at the grocery store did not look like they were only here to deliver a baby. The preponderance of Chinese presence on island has become the butt of discrimination due to some manifest behavior not uncommon in the mainland. Drivers who do not stop for a crossing pedestrian are automatically identified as "Chinese," and sticky money-hungry intensity of cutthroat business enterprises is definitely from the single-minded profit-obsessed Chinese. "Good manners and right conduct" of the European niceties is not wildly practiced in China.

However, locals patronize Chinese taxis, or if one was just going either way of the *binghai lu* (Beach Road), walks the distance but would not patronize the metered ones that hotels use for clients. The prices are too disparate! But the reputation of unregistered taxis is also rampant.

Like any other racial prejudice, it is unfair to generalize on any ethnic group. The diversity of races on Saipan is its asset. But everyone thinks that the taxi driver is Bangladeshi, the security guard from Sri Lanka and Nepal, the tour guide Korean and/or Japanese, and the *haole* is head *huncho* of the established corporation.

At my doctor's waiting room were many pregnant Chinese ladies. While waiting for my SS appointment in Puerto Rico, I counted within 30 minutes three requests for SS numbers from three Chinese parents who did not have an SS number themselves but were coached well enough to expect their child's card 4-6 weeks in the mail. I asked the officer how many applicants they get in a month and he knowingly smiled with "a lot."

Made in Saipan was once for garments. Natal products, the blue book-documented and SS-numbered variety, are the spanking new ones off the line!

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‘Tis the season for numbers

Lawmakers have six months to review or procrastinate on Gov. Eloy S. Inos’ proposed fiscal year 2016 operational budget of \$145.8 million, which is not only the highest in seven years but also brings back the level closer to 2009’s \$148 million and 1992 to 1994’s \$158 million.

In 27 fiscal years beginning in 1990, the CNMI government’s annual resources available for personnel salaries, public health, public safety, education and other public services have ranged from a measly \$102 million in 2012 to a record high of \$247 million in 1997. This is based on compiled data from the Office of Management and Budget.

Whether the CNMI can ever go back to having a government budget that’s anywhere near \$247 million during the heyday of the Saipan garment industry is everyone’s guess.

Barring any major negative external events, tourism arrivals are expected to climb even more in the years ahead and further increase government revenue.

But tourism growth also requires the CNMI to properly and continuously maintain and improve its tourism sites, add more activities for tourists such as building an integrated casino resort, aggressively promote the islands as a destination of choice, and curb criminal activities.

Separate and conflicting proposals from the 19th Legislature to impose new charges and fees for tourists all at once won’t help.

Once Best Sunshine International Ltd.’s touted \$7.1-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan actually gets off the ground, the expectation is that it would further boost economic activities and therefore result in more government revenues.

But the \$11.49 million in projected increase in operational budget in 2016 compared to 2015 is lower than the prior years’ increases, prompting some lawmakers to seek clarification from the administration.

Between 2012 and 2013, there was a \$12 million increase.

The operational budget increased by \$21 million from 2013 to 2014.

That \$21-million budget growth—\$114 million in 2013 versus \$135.786 million in 2014 inclusive of the supplemental budget of \$12.386 million—was partly a result of the economic windfall brought by the release of over \$40 million in defined benefit plan contribution refunds in October 2013 and Best Sunshine’s \$30 million advance license fee payment.

The budget dropped slightly from \$135.786 million in 2014 to \$134.33 million in 2015.

But because Best Sunshine’s temporary casino or live training facility at T Galleria is touted to start operating as early as June—more than a year earlier than the initial plan of starting any casino operation—there is room for more government revenue for 2015.

The governor is proposing to allocate \$12.7 million for utilities to defray utility consumption charges for the three branches of government. This includes \$2 million for direct payment of outstanding utilities by the central government for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., but lawmakers might want to add more to this or push for separate appropriation bills addressing the same obligation.

One such bill *appropriates \$4.2 million in lapsed funds from the Alien Deportation Fund business unit to help CHC pay a portion of its utility bills totaling nearly \$15 million.*

But the administration has yet to acknowledge whether there is still money in this particular account that some lawmakers describe as a “slush fund” for previous administrations.

Allocating all \$1.7 million in Commonwealth-only worker or CW fees to the Department of Labor seems to be “another layer of

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red tape” or bureaucracy.

But as early as 2014, Inos already made clear his intention of using CW funds to pay the actual on-the-job training salaries of U.S. workers in the private sector and less CW funds pumped into the Public School System and Northern Marianas College where results, he said, may be harder to come by. He called this a “targeted” and “more aggressive” approach.

Others question bloating the government with a total of at least 128 more positions (78 additional fulltime equivalents or FTEs and another 50 reserved slots) when the administration, they say, insists on maintaining the 2015 level.

The transition committee itself recommended increasing the size of the CNMI government to meet the needs of the new casino industry on Saipan.

The governor is also again asking the Legislature to grant him the flexibility to hire another 50 personnel for the entire Executive Branch; provided they are hired with his approval and that the hiring is restricted to positions that are “essential” to the delivery of public services. They include police cadets, fire and emergency personnel and corrections officers.

Whether the same standard was used to create a new post that only former Corrections commissioner Ramon Mafnas could qualify for, according to the governor, remains a mystery. Mafnas is now special assistant for project development.

But at the same time, the governor continues to reduce redundancy in other areas of government; this time by seeking to merge two divisions within the Department of Labor that share similar functions. This eliminates the Division of Labor and transitions its two staff into the Employment Services Division.

The governor is also requesting lawmakers to include a budget provision authorizing advances for the CNMI Scholarship Program and other programs that require one-time payment. This has long been pushed by members of previous legislatures and it looks like it will finally happen this time around.

Other lawmakers believe that the projected increase in revenue of \$11 million for 2016 is too modest, considering that there’s “at least \$40 million” more that will be infused into the economy related to the Saipan casino project and further tourism arrivals growth not associated with the Saipan casino.

Lawmakers should have their chance to press the governor’s finance and budget chiefs for answers when they call them in to discuss the 2016 projected revenues.

Departments and agencies have already started asking the Legislature for funding that’s more than what the governor is proposing.

And while it’s true that budget deliberations at the Legislature pick up close to the budget deadline despite a six-month window (some have not even read the governor’s budget transmittal), lawmakers have at least not repeated the mistakes of 2010 when the House and Senate failed to timely compromise on a spending plan that led to a partial government shutdown.

That panel came up with 60 recommendations for the police to gain more trust in towns like Ferguson and North Charleston with large African-American populations but mostly white police forces. More diversity might make departments less likely to treat minorities differently.

In the meantime, as the task force recommended, body cameras would make officers more mindful of their actions, knowing they will be recorded even if there’s no one with a cellphone or camera nearby.

LITERARY NOOK

Choices for give and for take

By JOEY ‘PEPE BATBON’ CONNOLLY

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

We are often asked to give/to Red Cross/a typhoon loss/
our families/our in-laws/Santa Claus/a teddy bear/
a cancer rare/needy hungry people here, there, everywhere
when someone’s house burns/ What are our returns?
What do we learn? What do we take home? Read the poem.

AN ALPHABETICAL SHAKE BETWEEN GIVE and TAKE

Give it all away - take an attitude
Give bucks benevolently - take a break
Give conscientiously - that takes the cake
Give a down payment - please take a dozen
Give even more - take that for example
Give fun to friends forever - time to take five
Give grace and goodness gently - take a guess
Give healthy habits a home - take a hike
Give an inch incognito - take an inch
Give justice give joy - take a jump for joy
Give kazillions of kindness - take a kiss
Give lots of love - take your lumps take less
Give more meaningfully - take no more
Give new ideas a chance - take nothing less
Give with open arms - take only what you need
Give peace a chance - take friendly pictures
Give quiet comfort - take quiet seriously
Give romance a chance - take romance for a walk
Give someone a big hug - take that hug to heart
Give tenderness a try - take time to listen
Give up that anger - take up gentle persuasion
Give with vigor - take victory with love
Give warm fuzzies - freely take warm fuzzies
Give x-rays to sincerity - take x-rays of sincerity
Give your heart with all your might - take your time
Give zany zingers - take zany zingers

Now you have some choices for give and for take
If you don’t try any go pooppy and jump in Susupe Lake

This is also an abecedarian poem like my earlier haiku/senryu calendar for April in the April 8, 2015, edition of Saipan Tribune.

AJI? NO MO! POTFABOT

Ajinomoto (MSG) on death’s plate

Salty bites tastes and ignites
Taste buds against food duds
Salivation sensation soon excites
All the tongues salivation buds
MSG laboratory analysis
Hooked up with sour so salty
May lead up to kidney dialysis
Regardless if diagnosis faulty
So there is monosodium glutamate
Disguised with something sweet
Described as a complement
with something required to eat
Does this start dietary death at an early age?
Taste it try it you’ll begin the initial stage

LIMERICKS FOR MASERS AND LIGHT YEAR LASERS

#1. There once was a naked singularity
that was not just a cosmic rarity
traveling beyond its event threshold
growing despite gravity younger but old
with general relative quantum theoretical parity

#2. There once was a single black hole
darker than darkest anthracite coal
at the center of the Milky Way
it sucked in stars and held sway
in kind of a cosmic rock and roll

#3. Some theorize a BIG BANG was our start
beginning with a serious ‘singularity’ fart
expanding & growing with relative speed into
galaxies, black holes, stars, and planets too
now BIG CRUNCH theory says we’ll depart

#4. Famous cosmologist Stephen Hawking
left first time observers of him gawking
mute, crippled in a wheel chair, needing a nurse
he examines and explains the universe
with his computer doing all the talking

A SKY FULL OF PATHOS and MIRTH

I could read the sky and make decisions
But now I think I really have no need
Since singers, writers, and musicians
Plant and nourish our brain with seed
I could read a sky world of make believe
And see occasional writing in it too
When jets, biplanes, and prop planes leave
Contrails and signed notes up there in the blue
I could read the sky above and the mud below
Villages, towns, and great cities of the earth
But have to wonder why as down the road I go
Those artists do so well with pathos and mirth
You too can read the sky just like an open book
Hear the music in your heart and take another look

EPIGRAM FOR PIZZA

Who ate the pepperoni pizza?
I said Pepe Batbon Connolly
The whole thing by me only
Now I smile like Mona Lisa

POLICE






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path of similar incidents that have sparked demonstrations in recent months.

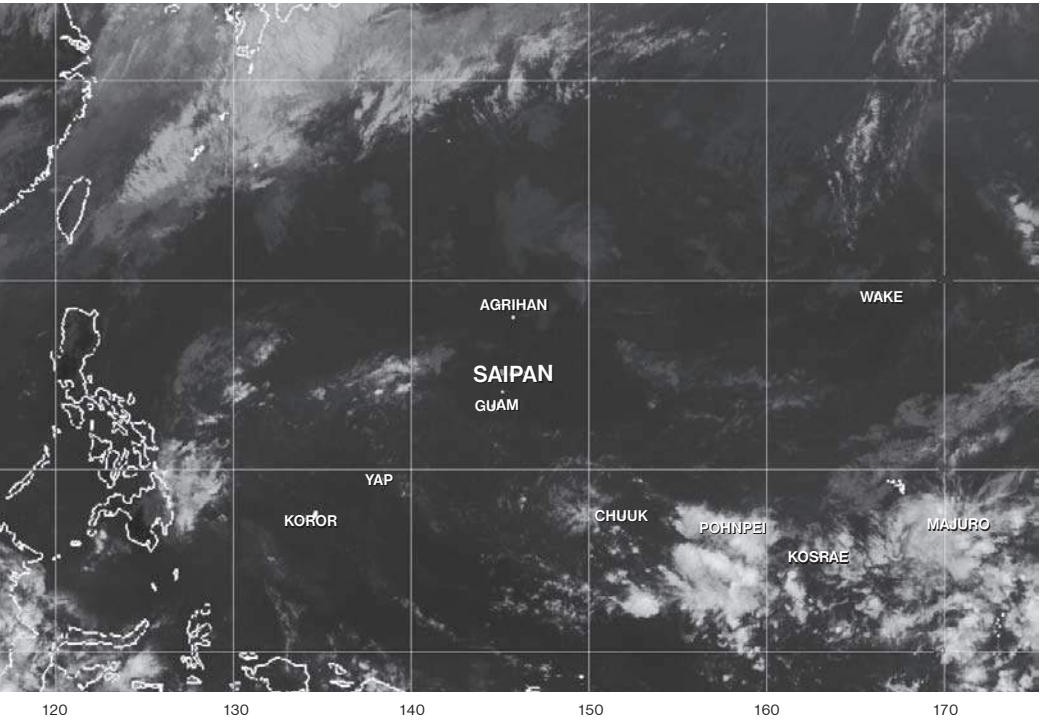
Rallies continue to be held to protest the deaths of unarmed black men in altercations with police in Ferguson, Mo., Staten Island, N.Y., and Cleveland, Ohio, where a 12-year-old boy carrying a toy gun, Tamir Rice, was gunned down. The frequency of such incidents prompted President Barack Obama to appoint a task force to recommend changes in policing.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼75°	▲87° ▼75°	▲87° ▼75°	▲86° ▼75°	▲87° ▼75°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A decaying shear line runs eastward from northwest of Koror near 11N130E passing south of Guam near 12N145E to end northeast of Chuuk near 12N154E. Scattered showers are present north of this feature within 90 miles of a line from 13N134E to 16N143E. A surface trough reaches northward from east of Guam near 16N148E to end east of Iwo To island near 25N145E. Scattered showers are seen near the trough axis north of a line from 21N145E to 20N152E and also east of the trough within 75 miles of a line from 18N152E to 15N155E to 14N163E. A trade-wind disturbance is centered south of Chuuk near 2N152E. Converging winds east of the disturbance is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from near Pohnpei to near Kosrae within 110 miles of a line from 6N155E to 4N163E. A near-equatorial trough meanders eastward from southeast of Kosrae near 3N166E through a weak circulation centered southeast of Majuro near 3N172E to beyond 180 at 4N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near Kwajalein and Majuro and across Butaritari atoll south of a line from 6N166E to 9N169E to 9N180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼76
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Rain	▲66	▼52
Beijing	Sunny	▲66	▼40
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲79	▼60
Honolulu	Sunny	▲82	▼70
London	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼45
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲76	▼56
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲93	▼75
Melbourne	Sunny	▲73	▼50
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼74
New York	Sunny	▲65	▼46
Osaka	Rain	▲60	▼58
Paris	Sunny	▲68	▼44
Pusan	Rain	▲58	▼46
Rome	Sunny	▲71	▼52
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼40
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼48
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼42
Tokyo	Rain	▲54	▼52
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲70	▼49



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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
4:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
9:51 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
2:43 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:00 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:05 AM	6:31 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:31 PM
Wednesday	6:04 AM	6:32 PM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:32 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:32 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	1:12 AM	1:04 PM
Tuesday	2:03 AM	2:02 PM
Wednesday	2:53 AM	3:02 PM
Thursday	3:43 AM	4:01 PM
Friday	4:32 AM	5:02 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ623	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ624	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:55pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/623	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, ,3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:30pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:45pm+1	6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:15pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	1 via GUM
OZ624/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				UA184/5038	11:30pm	2:35pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	2:35pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5041	11:30pm	6:25pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2 via GUM
				UA184/5043	11:30pm	10:10pm+1	5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/623	12:40am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM	UA180/5071	9:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:15pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:05pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
OZ624/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5041	9:55pm	6:25pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
				UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
				UA180/5043	9:55pm	10:10pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN			SAIPAN TO TINIAN			SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
			8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily			
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily			
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily	ROTA TO SAIPAN		
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily	12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily	8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily			
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily	4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily			
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily			
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily			
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						

Managaha cleanup and restoration is completed

Parents invited to Summer Academy info session

Parents of high school seniors and juniors are invited to participate in an information session on Saturday, April 18, 2015, to learn about the Summer Academy organized by College Access Challenge Grant Program at the Northern Marianas College.

The Summer Academy provides high school students an opportunity to gain meaningful college experience while they earn transferable college credits. The Academy also familiarizes students with college life while they are still in high school and can be an excellent way to help students prepare for their eventual transition to college after graduation.

In addition to college level work, participants of the Summer Academy will also receive college advising, academic tutoring, and college-preparatory and life skills training.

The program is funded by the College Access Challenge Grant, which aims to increase the number of underserved and underrepresented students who are enrolling in College. To do this, the CACG provides a scholarship award up to \$800 to eligible students to cover the cost of their courses.

The April 18, 2015, info session for parents will be from 9am to 12pm at NMC's Room D1. Parents of high school seniors and juniors are strongly encouraged to participate and to meet with representatives of the CACG program to learn more about the Summer Academy.

The agenda for the sessions will include a discus-



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Students from last year's Summer Academy take a field trip with Scott Russell from the NMI Council for the Humanities, to learn about Saipan's historical sites. This year's Summer Academy applications will be due on April 30, 2015.

sion of the Summer Academy Experience, the early admissions process, financial aid opportunities, and other important topics.

The Summer Academy for students will run from June 29, 2015 through Aug. 7, 2015. Although classes for the Summer Academy will be held at NMC's As Terlaje campus, some activities will be located off-campus

and will be announced in advance. Eligibility for participation in the Summer Academy considers income and English placement level.

For more information about the info session for parents or the Summer Academy for students, contact Hedwig Hofschneider at 234-5498 ext.6784 or email hofschneider@marianas.edu. (NMC)

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality announced Friday that the Managaha Island Cleanup and Restoration Project has been completed. The project was administered by BECQ and funded by a Brownfields grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

On March 7, 2015, MegAnnum, Inc., a CNMI environmental contractor, completed the project and restored the excavation areas on Managaha Island with the removal of buried rusted drums and the discarding of marine batteries and pesticide-impacted soil. MegAnnum excavated approximately 42 cubic yards of suspect pesticide-impacted soil, 23 rusted drums, and 17 discarded marine batteries from two small areas on Managaha Island identified as

the Mound A Site and the Battery Site. The materials were secured in 143 WasteAway® drum containers, transported to Saipan, and properly disposed of at the Marpi Landfill with the approval of the Department of Public Works.

Additionally, MegAnnum collected multi-increment soil samples from the Mound A Site excavation area and Battery Site excavation area. The soil samples were submitted for analysis to a USEPA-accredited commercial laboratory located in California. The laboratory results of all the soil samples were non-detect for the contaminant of concern.

MegAnnum recommended no further soil excavation, drum removal, or soil sampling activities at the Mound

A Site and the Battery Site. The BECQ reviewed MegAnnum's final report and the certified laboratory analytical results. A representative of the Department of Fish and Wildlife inspected the restored excavation areas and found them to be satisfactory for future turtle nesting. No unexploded ordnance was discovered during the excavation activities conducted by MegAnnum. The buried rusted drums removed were likely filled with sand and used as a former World War II Japanese defensive position during the war.

On April 9, 2015, the final meeting of stakeholders was held at the BECQ office and the stakeholders were fully satisfied with the results and final report of the project. (BECQ)

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 14-0074
vs.	NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE
ESCOLASTICA T. IGUEL and SYLVESTRE I. IGUEL, Defendants.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 25th day of September, 2014, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **6th day of May, 2015 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 045 A 060 situated in As Matuis, Saipan, containing an area of 959 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 045 A 00 the original of which was recorded 26 April 90 as Document Number 90-1671 and also recorded 26 March 93 as Document Number 93-1038, at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- 1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - c) to reject any and all bids.
- 2. Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.
- 3. Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.
- 4. Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- 5. Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.
DATED this 19th day of March, 2015.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS**

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 11-0078
vs.	ORDER APPROVING JUDICIAL SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY
MICHAEL R. MUÑA and MINA L. MUÑA, Defendants.	

This matter came before the Court on March 19, 2015, for a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for an Order of Judicial Sale of Mortgage Property. Robert T. Torres, Esq., appeared on behalf of Plaintiff, Marianas Public Land Trust. Defendants failed to appear. The Court finds that Defendant Michael R. Muña was properly notified of the hearing via certified email. The Court also finds that Defendant Mina L. Muña was properly notified of the hearing through publication in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Based on the representations made by Plaintiff's counsel and the files, records and proceedings herein, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Motion for an Order of Judicial Sale is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

1. That the mortgaged property to wit: Lot No. 010 K 04, containing an area of 892 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 K 01 dated August 19, 1987 and filed at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on August 19, 1987 as File No. 87-2911, shall be sold to satisfy the foreclosure judgment entered by this Court.
2. Plaintiff's counsel Robert T. Torres, Esq., or his designee, is hereby appointed as Auctioneer, pursuant to 2 CMC § 4537, with the authority to sell the mortgaged property in a public auction at a reasonable date and time to be determined by Mr. Torres.
3. That the public auction shall be held at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan which is hereby designated as the place of sale.
4. In addition to the notice requirements of 7 CMC § 4204(b), that the publication of the Notice of Auction and Judicial Sale of the mortgaged property announcing the date and time of the public auction, the location of the public auction, and other reasonable terms of the auction, shall be made in at least two local newspapers of general circulation once a week for four (4) successive weeks or 30 days before the date of the public auction.
5. That the public auction shall be conducted in accordance with the following terms, which shall be included in the Notice of Sale to be published:
 - a. The auction shall be open to the general public.
 - b. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
 - c. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer/seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - i) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before bid for such property is accepted.
 - ii) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - iii) to reject any and all bids.
 - d. That tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone at Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749 Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.
 - e. That a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, money order or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Marianas Public Land Trust.
 - f. Auctioneer/Seller and the Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of the sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
 - g. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.
 6. Defendants retain the right to cure the default under 2 CMC § 4538(a) and may at any time prior to the fixed maturity date, pay the entire amount then due under the terms of the mortgage including accrued interest and reasonable attorney's fees incurred.
 7. Defendants shall allow MPLT's appraiser access to the interior and exterior of the property for inspection.

SO ORDERED this 25th day or March 2015.

/s/ David A. Wiseman, Associate Judge

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 13-0103
vs.	NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE
JOSE T. PANGELINAN, Defendant.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 27th day of May, 2014, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **6th day of May, 2015 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Tract 20472-5, (part of original Tract 20472, AH 506), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2064/82 the original of which was registered 26 MAR 82 as Document No. 14154 at Land Registry, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- 1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - c) to reject any and all bids.
- 2. Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.
- 3. Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.
- 4. Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- 5. Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.
DATED this 19th day of March, 2015.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS**

In the matter of the Adoption of:	Civil Action No. 15-0126
JUSTO JEREMIAH QUITUGUA	NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION FOR ADOPTION
Minor Child,	
By:	
JUSTO S. QUITUGUA and JACQUELINE A. QUITUGUA,	
Petitioners.	

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on April 27, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2015.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 15-0025
vs.	AMENDED SUMMONS
ELPHIDIA B. CAMACHO, Defendant.	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: ELPHIDIA B. CAMACHO

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT, a copy of which can be obtained at the Law Office of Robert Tenorio Torres in Chalan Kiya, within twenty (20) days after service of this **AMENDED SUMMONS** upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this **AMENDED SUMMONS**, judgment by default pursuant to the court ruled of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 23rd day of March, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
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BANK OF GUAM Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 14-0171
vs.	AMENDED SUMMONS
MARINA A. CUYUGAN Defendant.	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: MARINA A. CUYUGAN

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within (20) days after service of this **AMENDED SUMMONS** upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this **AMENDED SUMMONS**, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 20th day of March, 2015.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

Business

GE pares off financial unit and returns to industrial roots

General Electric is leaving the lending business, a major source of both profit and risk, as it continues to whittle its focus down to an industrial core.

The company said Friday that it will sell most of its GE Capital assets over the next two years, shedding businesses in a sector where it has had a tough time generating acceptable returns. GE also plans to repurchase as much as \$50 billion of its own stock.

Shares of GE climbed to their highest price in almost two years Friday after the company announced the buybacks and the return to a simpler focus that investors have favored.

In addition to the GE Capital sale, the company will sell most of its GE Capital Real Estate to funds managed by the investment firm Blackstone. Wells Fargo will buy a portion of the loans at closing. The company plans to sell additional commercial real estate assets that will bring the total value of the deals to around \$26.5 billion.

The once broadly diverse conglomerate has been steadily shedding businesses as it focuses more on building industrial



AP
In this file photo taken Dec. 2, 2008, a General Electric (GE) sign is seen on display at Western Appliance store in Mountain View, Calif.

GE Capital Chairman and CEO Keith Sherin told investors during a conference call. "Bottom line, we think the timing's right to execute this strategic shift."

With the shift, GE expects that more than 90 percent of its earnings will be generated by its industrial business by 2018. That compares with 58 percent in 2014.

While the financial division generates nearly half of the company's profit, is also presents a huge regulatory burden and has caused some anxiety for investors. Heavy exposure to commercial and residential mortgages threatened GE's existence during the financial crisis.

Company officials noted that GE Capital's return on equity slipped to 8.6 percent in the fourth quarter of last year from 13.1 percent in the final quarter

of 2008. The company plans to shed most of its commercial lending and leasing segment, including all of its U.S. and international banking assets.

GE is moving back toward a business that investors can understand better, said Edward Jones analyst Logan Purk.

"At the end of the day, when half your business is a bank, you get a lower valuation and less credit in the marketplace," he said.

GE is already in talks with regulators about removing its designation as a "Systemically Important Financial Institution," which comes with a myriad of requirements not asked of an almost purely industrial entity.

The company will keep parts of its financing business related to its industrial operations, like GE Capital Aviation Services, Energy Financial Services and Healthcare Equipment Finance. The company says it will record about \$16 billion in after-tax charges in the first quarter.

Tax Day extra difficult for many same-sex married couples

WASHINGTON (AP)—A necessary burden for most Americans, Tax Day is an accounting nightmare for thousands of gay and lesbian couples as they wrestle with the uneven legal status of same-sex marriage in the United States.

They live in a country that recognizes their marriages, but some reside in the 13 states that do not, an issue that will be argued before the Supreme Court later this month.

At tax time, and Wednesday is the filing deadline, it gets complicated because most state income tax returns use information from a taxpayer's federal return.

Straight couples simply copy numbers from one form to another. But that doesn't work for same-sex couples reporting



AP
In this photo taken April 4, 2015, Rev. Brian K. Wilbert, right, and Yorki Encalada, hold their marriage certificate and tax forms at the Christ Episcopal Church in Oberlin, Ohio.

combined incomes, deductions and exemptions on their federal tax returns. These couples must

machines like aircraft engines and medical imaging equipment and selling big, complex products like power generators and oil and gas equipment.

Last September, it announced the sale of its appliance division

to the Swedish appliance maker Electrolux for \$3.3 billion. Before that deal, it spun off its consumer credit card business into a new company, Synchrony Financial. In recent years it also has sold NBC Universal and its

insurance operations.

An extended run of low-interest rates has made GE's latest divestiture more feasible for the company.

"We see a very attractive market for selling our assets,"

"We're adults, we're contributing to the welfare of society and yet, here's this one thing that just reaches up every year and kind of slaps us in the face," said Brian Wilbert, an Episcopal priest who lives in Oberlin, a small college town in northern Ohio.

Wilbert married his husband, Yorki Encalada, in 2012, at a ceremony in upstate New York. He is filing a joint federal tax return for the second time this year. But Ohio, which doesn't recognize same-sex marriages, requires the couple to file their state tax returns as if they were single.

"It may not be the most burning thing," Wilbert said. "But as we think about equality and marriage equality, this is an important thing because it's part of what couples do."

untangle their finances on their state returns, where they are still considered single.

Paper towels, toilet tissue latest uses for wheat straw

WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—A company plans to roll out a new line of tissues and paper towels this month that incorporates wheat straw and bamboo, which it hopes will provide a rapidly renewable and environmentally friendly source of fiber for its products while giving farmers a new market for what remains after the grain is harvested.

Kimberly-Clark Professional, which manufactures Kleenex and Scott brand products, says its new "Green-Harvest" line will blend in 20 percent wheat straw, which it hopes will ease demand for the

tree fiber and recycled paper it already uses. It will help conserve natural resources and address what the Roswell, Georgia-based company expects will be dwindling supplies of recycled paper.

"As we become more and more digital and perhaps that resource becomes less and less available, what is next? How are we going to continue to make paper products? And looking at these non-tree plant fiber alternatives is the next step," said Iris Schumacher, the company's North American sustainability leader. She said

she thinks Kimberly-Clark's incorporation of the new fiber sources into everyday essentials such as toilet paper will likely lead competitors to follow suit.

Wheat straw is already used in a few paper products, including a line of copy paper made of 80 percent straw that Staples sells. And later this month, the industry trade group Kansas Wheat will be meeting with representatives from a Taiwanese company called npulp that uses wheat straw to make corrugated paper and packaging materials.

Scientific developments are

also making it easier to break down cellulosic plant material and turn it into biofuels, and that makes plant material such as wheat straw and corn stover more attractive sources for cellulosic biofuel plants like the one operating in Holcomb, Kansas.

"People want sustainability in using natural materials, renewable materials," said Aaron Harries, vice president of research and operations at Kansas Wheat.

Straw has also long been used for livestock bedding and mulch material.

Online excitement but no long lines for Apple Watch debut

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP)—An online rush replaced the traditional overnight queues outside Apple stores Friday as the iconic tech company began taking orders and letting shoppers get their hands on its much-vaunted smartwatch for the first time.

Eager customers placed online orders for the Apple Watch as soon as Apple's website began accepting them, shortly after midnight Pacific Time. Within half an hour, the company appeared to sell out the initial batch of watches that were available for the first official day of shipping on April 24. By midmorning, Apple's website was showing the earliest shipping date for many watch models would be in June or later.

Demand was difficult to gauge, since Apple hasn't said how many watches were available for shipping in the first wave on April 24. And in contrast with earlier releases of new Apple products, there were no big lines of shoppers waiting all night outside the company's retail stores.

That's because Apple encouraged customers to make appointments for a 15-minute opportunity to try on different models—which are priced starting at \$349 and go up to \$17,000 for a luxury edition—while specially trained employees explained their features. Apple is only accepting

orders online, for now.

But the debut still came with some of the anticipation and marketing sizzle for which Apple Inc. is famous.

Apple retail staffers in New York, Atlanta and other cities clapped and cheered as the first customers streamed through their stores' signature glass doors just before 10 a.m. Eager shoppers also examined the watch at shops in London, Shanghai and Tokyo.

Student Victor Leung was grinning from ear to ear after finishing his watch appointment and placing his order for a lower-priced sport model at the Apple store on New York's 5th Avenue. He said he'd been waiting eagerly for the opportunity to buy one.

"It's awesome," Leung said. "You get texts on your watch, make phone calls." While he has tried other smartwatches, he thinks "Apple is different."

Despite Leung's enthusiasm, analysts said Apple may have good reasons to sell the watch through pre-orders and appointments. Online ordering should help Apple manage its inventory and manufacturing. The try-on visits should help ensure that early buyers know what to expect and how to use the watch, said Carolina Milanesi, a tech analyst at Kantar Worldpanel. She said that could build positive "word of mouth" recommendations.

Nation

Residents allowed to return to tornado-hit Illinois town

FAIRDALE, Ill. (AP)—Residents of a small northern Illinois farming community that took a direct hit from a half-mile-wide tornado were allowed back into the area Saturday to assess damage and salvage what they could.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office bused residents into Fairdale at 7 a.m. so they could begin to take stock of what was left of their property. Seeing the wreckage up close for the first time since Thursday's storms left some amazed that they survived.

"I thought my parents were dead," said 32-year-old Adam Davis, who hopped into his truck Thursday and raced along with the tornado in the hopes of getting to his parents' house and rescuing them before the twister struck. He found them standing in their doorway frozen in disbelief and grabbed them just in time.

On Saturday, he was helping collect what could be salvaged from his childhood home, now full of debris, its roof ripped off and its windows broken.

"It's not necessarily the mementos yet; it's the essentials for now. One step at a time," he said.

Eight tornadoes roared across northern and central Illinois during Thursday's storms, the National Weather Service confirmed Saturday. The strongest hit Fairdale, where two people were killed. That tornado also injured 22 people.

The weather service gave it a preliminary EF4 rating—its



Cleanup begins in Rochelle, Ill. on Friday, April 10, 2015, a day after the communities of Rochelle, Ill. and Fairdale, Ill. were impacted by tornado damage.

second strongest—with winds of between 180 and 200 mph. It was a half-mile wide and remained on the ground for at least 28.7 miles, a record long path for that part of Illinois.

Al Zammuto, a 60-year-old machinist, was preparing to inspect what was left of the roof on a former schoolhouse that he had been transforming into his home over the past year. He will have to start over.

"I don't know how much of the roof came off," he said. "I'm going to climb a ladder later today and see."

Zammuto was staying with his sister down the road, and many of the displaced appeared to have been taken in by friends and relatives. No one stayed overnight at a shelter set up at the fire station in nearby Kirkland, said deputy fire chief Mike Stott.

In all, some 70 buildings were destroyed or damaged in Fairdale, authorities said. Another 50 buildings were hit in nearby Rochelle.

All buildings have been searched, but not all residents have been accounted

for, so cadaver dogs are being used in parts of DeKalb County, the Illinois State Police said late Friday.

The tornado blew numerous vehicles from nearby interstates, and troopers helped rescue a trapped driver in an overturned

Tornado destroys homes leaving 1 dead and 8 injured



Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

semi-trailer.

One of the tornadoes also struck the Summerfield Zoo in the city of Belvidere, killing an emu and a black swan.

As the cleanup began, tales of survival continued to emerge.

Kelly Newman, 46, lost her Rochelle home. For her, the storm began with a moment of playful wonder at the size of the hail. She ran outside to collect some of the pieces to put it in the freezer to show her children.

Minister: Shooting of black man by white officer racist

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. (AP)—The death of a black man shot in the back while fleeing a white police officer was the act of a racist cop, a minister told hundreds who gathered Saturday for the funeral of Walter Scott.

"All of us have seen the video," the Rev. George Hamilton, the minister at W.O.R.D. Ministries Christian Center, told an overflow congregation. "There is no doubt in my mind and I feel that Walter's death was motivated by racial prejudice." Authorities have not said whether race was a factor in the shooting.

Scott was a father of four and Coast Guard veteran whose death sparked outrage as another instance of a white law offi-

cer fatally shooting an unarmed black man under questionable circumstances. The shooting last weekend in North Charleston was captured on a dramatic cellphone camera video by a man who was walking past.

About 450 people including U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., and U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., the two black members of South Carolina's congressional delegation, gathered in the sanctuary of the church where Scott had worshipped.

About 200 more people waited outside beneath the portico of the church or under umbrellas in the rain because the sanctuary had reached capacity.

Hamilton called Michael Slager—the officer involved in the shooting and who has

been charged with murder and fired—a disgrace to the North Charleston Police Department.

"This particular cop was a racist. You don't Tase a man and then shoot," the minister said. But he added "we will not indict the entire law enforcement community for the act of one racist."

Hamilton said that the Scott family could take comfort in the fact that Slager was captured on the video, was charged and will face justice.

Scott was remembered as a gentle soul and a born-again Christian. "He was not perfect," the minister said, adding that nobody is.

The two-hour service included spirituals and remembrances of the 50-year-old Scott.

Black DA to decide charges against white Wisconsin officer

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—The story has played out the same way in Ferguson, Missouri, New York City and Milwaukee. A white police officer kills an unarmed black man, sparking waves of protests before a white prosecutor ultimately decides not to file charges or hands the case off to a grand jury.

That narrative looks different in Wisconsin's capital city, where a liberal biracial prosecutor will decide whether to charge a white officer in an unarmed biracial man's death.

Black protesters have likened last month's fatal shooting of 19-year-old Tony Robinson by police officer Matt Kenny to the killings

of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Eric Garner in New York City and Dontre Hamilton in Milwaukee. Grand juries in Ferguson and New York, convened by white prosecutors, chose not to charge the officers in those cases. Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm, who is white, declined to file charges in the Hamilton shooting.

The decision to press charges in the Madison case will be made by Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne, a biracial Democrat who identifies as black.

Ozanne, whose mother was an activist in the South during the Freedom Summer of 1964,

got his start as an assistant Dane County district attorney in 1998. Ten years later, then-Gov. Jim Doyle chose Ozanne to help lead the state Department of Corrections, where he helped implement Doyle's early release program.

Doyle appointed Ozanne as Dane County district attorney two years later, and Ozanne was elected to the position in 2012, running on promises to reduce racial disparities. Last year, he ran unsuccessfully for state attorney general, vowing to expand programs that allow young adult offenders to clear their records by completing their sentences and connect violent offenders to mentors.

ACROSS THE NATION

2 students charged in sexual attack on Florida beach

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP)—Two college students have been charged with sexually attacking a woman on a crowded Florida beach filled with spring break revelers who apparently did nothing to stop it, authorities said.

Delonte Martistee, 22, and Ryan Austin Calhoun, 23, were arrested Friday and charged with sexual battery by multiple perpetrators, according to the Bay County Sheriff's Office. The Panama City News Herald reports both men are students at Troy University in Alabama. The attack, recorded on a cellphone video, happened sometime March 10-12 in Panama City, Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen said at a news conference. Authorities learned of the assault when police in Troy, Alabama, discovered the video while investigating a shooting.

Man charged in Kansas bomb plot called strange, troubled

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP)—John T. Booker Jr. struck others as strange or even troubled but also as a young man not shy about discussing his faith as a Muslim or debating Islamic philosophy at the Topeka mosque he attended. His name tag at his last job identified him as Muhammad. But the 20-year-old Topeka resident told a confidante who was in fact an FBI informant six months ago that he wasn't liked at his mosque because he expressed support for the terrorist group al-Qaida—views that would have gotten him

barred, according to the imam. The cleric said the FBI brought Booker to the mosque last year, said he had a mental health disorder and sought counseling to turn him from views behind Facebook postings about plans to die in a jihad. Even amid the counseling, Booker was in contact with two FBI informants portraying Islamic State group sympathizers, according to a criminal complaint filed in federal court. Authorities said Booker was arrested Friday trying to arm what he thought was a 1,000-pound bomb outside Fort Riley, about 70 miles west of Topeka.

Video of Arizona Wal-Mart melee released

COTTONWOOD, Ariz. (AP)—Police at the scene of a deadly brawl outside a Wal-Mart store in a small Arizona town deployed electronic stun guns and made multiple efforts to stop a large family from attacking them, according to a video recording released Friday. But one officer was injured and one man was killed during the violent confrontation in which officers were tackled to the ground and put in choke-holds. Eight officers suffered minor injuries, including cuts and bruising. Another Wal-Mart employee who tried to help suffered a broken arm. The video released by Cottonwood Police reveals how the confrontation unfolded on March 21 after officers were called about a Wal-Mart employee being shoved. The family involved was living out of a Chevrolet Suburban SUV with Idaho license plates, police said.

Asia

Bangladesh braces for protests after Islamist's execution

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Bangladesh braced for protests and fresh violence Sunday after a senior official of the largest Islamist party was executed on charges of crimes against humanity during the country's 1971 independence war, the second man to be hanged since the government revived war crime trials that have sharpened political divisions in the South Asian nation.

Mohammad Qamaruzzaman was put to death Saturday night in the central jail in the capital, Dhaka, a senior prison official, Forman Ali, told reporters outside the premises.

Prosecutors said that Qamaruzzaman, an assistant secretary general of the Jamaat-e-Islami party, headed a militia group that collaborated with the Pakistani army in central Bangladesh in 1971 and was behind the killings of at least 120 unarmed farmers.

Bangladesh blames Pakistani soldiers and local collaborators for the deaths of 3 million people during the nine-



month war of independence from Pakistan. An estimated 200,000 women were raped and about 10 million people fled to refugee camps in neighboring India.

Jamaat-e-Islami denounced the execution and called for a nationwide general strike Mon-

day. At the same time, hundreds of people who supported the trial and execution rallied in Dhaka. Similar demonstrations were held in other cities and towns.

"We are happy that justice has been delivered finally," said Mohammad Al Masum,

a student at Dhaka University, who joined a procession in Shabagh Square. "I did not see the war but I am sure the families that lost their dear ones will be happy today."

The trials have further polarized Bangladesh, already gripped by long-running po-

litical divisions that often spill into violence. The U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ravina Shamdasani, earlier this week urged Bangladesh not to carry out the execution, saying that Qamaruzzaman's trial did not meet international standards.

The United States was more guarded in its assessment of the trial, but still urged the government not to proceed with the execution.

"We have seen progress, but still believe that further improvements ... could ensure these proceedings meet domestic and international obligations," State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said in a statement shortly before the execution. "Until these obligations can be consistently met, it is best not to proceed with executions given the irreversibility of a

sentence of death."

The Bangladeshi government said the trial met the proper standards with the defendant receiving the opportunity to challenge the prosecution's case in open court and appeal the verdict all the way up to the Supreme Court.

Since Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina set up the tribunals in 2010, more than a dozen people have been convicted, mostly senior leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami. The party, which is allied with Hasina's main opposition rival, says the trials are politically motivated.

The initial trials that followed Bangladesh's independence four decades ago were halted after the assassination of then-president and independence leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman—Hasina's father—and most of his family members in a 1975 military coup. Hasina revived the process, making good on a pledge she made before 2008 elections.

Bangladesh executed another Jamaat-e-Islami assistant secretary, Abdul Quader Mollah, in December 2013 for similar crimes, triggering violent protests.

Thai junta links Samui island bombing to political opponents

BANGKOK (AP)—A car bomb explosion that slightly injured seven people on the popular resort island of Samui in southern Thailand may be linked to the country's political turmoil, a spokesman for the military government said Saturday.

Initial reports indicated that the attack late Friday was carried out by the same group behind recent blasts in Thailand's capital that caused no fatalities, said Maj. Gen. Sansern Kaewkamnerd. He did not elaborate, but the leader of the junta that took power in a coup last May has blamed the Bangkok blasts on groups opposed to the military takeover.

In the Samui explosion, an improvised bomb was hidden in a pickup truck in the basement parking area of the Central Festival mall and went off after a fashion show, said the

island's disaster prevention and mitigation chief, Poonsak Soponpathumrak.

Seven people suffered minor injuries and were released from the hospital without being kept overnight, said Surat Thani provincial Gov. Chatpong Chatputi.

Authorities believe the pickup truck was stolen from one of the three southernmost Thai provinces plagued by an Islamic insurgency. More than 5,000 people have been killed in the three provinces since 2004. Muslim militants generally do not operate beyond those provinces, though a handful of bombings or attempted bombings in other areas have been tentatively attributed to rebels in the past.

The military linked the Samui blast to two small bombs that exploded outside a major shopping mall in Bangkok in early February, slightly injuring two

people. Junta leader and Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said at the time that the blasts were aimed at discrediting the government.

In March, a series of arrests were made in connection with a grenade that was tossed at Bangkok's Criminal Court, and those detained were apparently sympathizers of the anti-government Red Shirt movement, which was formed by supporters of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra after he was deposed in a 2006 coup.

Thailand has suffered from almost a decade of sometimes violent political unrest as supporters and opponents of Thaksin have jostled for power. Thaksin's sister Yingluck Shinawatra was elected prime minister in 2011, but was forced from office by a controversial court ruling in May last year,

shortly before the latest coup ousted her government.

Government critics have suggested that some of the bombings may have been carried out by the military government to justify its continued suppression of basic rights and liberties. The government denies that.

"Right now the authorities have found some connections that linked to the attacks in Bangkok, and they are now tracing the perpetrators from evidence at the scene," said Sansern, the government spokesman.

At about the same time as Friday's Samui bombing, a huge fire ripped through a cooperative store on the mainland of the same Surat Thani province. Thai media reported that two blasts were heard at the start of the fire, in which no one was hurt. The cause of the fire was unclear.

Rights groups: Tibetan nun sets herself on fire

BEIJING (AP)—A nun set herself on fire while crying out for the Dalai Lama to return to Tibet in the latest in dozens of self-immolations in recent years by Tibetans protesting Beijing's controls over the region, overseas rights groups said.

Yeshe Khando, 47, of Ngangang Nunnery circled Kardze Monastery in Sichuan province and then self-immolated on Wednesday near the police station while shouting slogans including "Tibet needs freedom," London-based Free Tibet said in a statement Friday.

She also called out "Let His Holiness Return to Tibet"

as she was on fire, the group said, a reference to the Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader who has lived for decades in exile in India.

The Washington, D.C.-based International Campaign for Tibet also reported the immolation, but used a slightly different spelling for the nun's name.

The groups said security personnel and police used extinguishers to put out the flames and took Yeshe Khando away, and that local sources believed she died.

A woman reached at the Ganzi county government denied that any self-immolation hap-

pened on Wednesday and hung up. Calls to the county police office rang unanswered. Yeshe Khando's nunnery could not be contacted.

Tibetan monks and nuns are among the most active opponents of Chinese rule in the region and face some of the harshest restrictions on their activities. Earlier this week, Tibet's Communist Party chief Chen Quanguo has demanded that Buddhist monasteries display the national flag as part of efforts to shore up Chinese patriotism.

Dozens of Tibetan Buddhist monks and laypeople have set

themselves on fire in protest of Beijing's strict controls over the region and their religion and to call for the return of the Dalai Lama, according to the overseas rights groups.

The International Campaign for Tibet says 113 men and 24 women have self-immolated since March 2011, the vast majority of whom have died.

Beijing blames the Dalai Lama and others for inciting the immolations and says it has made vast investments to boost the region's economy and improve the quality of life for Tibetans. The Dalai Lama says he is against all violence.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Rebels ambush police in central Indian forest, kill 7

PATNA, India (AP)—Police say a group of Maoist rebels have ambushed policemen on patrol in a central Indian forest and killed seven. R.K. Vij, a top police official in Chhattisgarh state, says the police were part of a special task force who were searching for the rebels early Saturday when the militants opened fire in an area of Sukma district, 385 kilometers (240 miles) south of the state capital of Raipur. Ten wounded policemen were airlifted to a hospital in Raipur. Few other details were available from the remote region.

Bus carrying Hindu pilgrims crashes in India, killing 13

KOLKATA, India (AP)—Police were searching Saturday for the driver of an overcrowded bus that skidded into a ditch in eastern India, killing 13 passengers, including two children, and injuring 43. The bus, which normally seats 54, had been so crowded with Hindu pilgrims that some were sitting on the roof, police said. Initial reports suggested "the driver was drunk" and traveling at a high speed when he tried to take a steep turn Friday morning and crashed, some 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of West Bengal's state

capital of Kolkata, according to Burdwan police Superintendent Kunal Agarwal. "We are on the lookout for him," Agarwal said.

Official says gunmen kill 20 at Pakistan dam project

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—Gunmen in restive southwestern Pakistan shot and killed at least 20 workers early Saturday at a dam construction site, the deadliest recent attack targeting civilians in a region facing a low-level insurgency, authorities said. The violence targeted the Gbdan area of the Turbat district in southwestern Baluchistan province, a region where nationalist and separatist Baluch groups have fought against the Islamabad-based government for years. However, no group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack in Pakistan, a country that faces a deadly Taliban insurgency and threats from other Islamic extremists. A large group of gunmen attacked a labor camp near the dam construction site, overpowering eight security guards on the site and shooting dead sleeping laborers before fleeing, government commissioner Pasand Khan Buledi of the Makran division said. Buledi gave the casualty figure and said the attack wounded three people.

World

In historic face to face, Obama, Castro vow to turn the page

PANAMA CITY (AP)—President Barack Obama and Cuba's Raul Castro sat down together Saturday in the first formal meeting of the two country's leaders in a half-century, pledging to reach for the kind of peaceful relationship that has eluded their nations for generations.

In a small conference room in a Panama City convention center, the two sat side by side in a bid to inject fresh momentum into their months-old effort to restore diplomatic ties. Reflecting on the historic nature of the meeting, Obama said he felt it was time to try something new and to engage with both Cuba's government and its people.

"What we have both concluded is that we can disagree with a spirit of respect and civility," Obama said. "And over time, it is possible for us to turn the page and develop a new relationship between our two countries."

Castro, for his part, said he agreed with everything Obama had said—a stunning statement in and of itself for the Cuban leader. But he added the caveat that they had "agreed to disagree" at times. Castro said he had told the Americans that Cuba was willing to discuss issues such as human rights and freedom of the press, maintaining that "everything can be on the table."

"We are disposed to talk about everything—with patience," Castro said in Spanish. "Some things we will agree with, and others we won't."



US President Barack Obama with Cuban President Raul Castro during their meeting at the Summit of the Americas in Panama City, Panama, Saturday, April 11, 2015.

Not since 1958 have a U.S. and Cuban leader convened a substantial meeting; at the time, Dwight Eisenhower was in the White House and Fulgencio Batista in charge in Cuba. But relations quickly entered into a deep

freeze amid the Cold War, and the U.S. spent decades trying to either isolate or actively overthrow the Cuban government.

In a stroke of coincidence,

Eisenhower's meeting with Batista in 1958 also took place in Panama, imbuing Saturday's session between Obama and Castro with a sense of having

come full circle.

The historic gathering played out on the sidelines of the Summit of the Americas, which this year included Cuba for the first

time. Although the meeting wasn't publicly announced in advance, White House aides had suggested the two leaders were looking for an opportunity to meet while in Panama and to discuss the ongoing efforts to open embassies in Havana and Washington, among other issues.

At the start of their hour-long meeting, Obama acknowledged that Cuba, too, would continue raising concerns about U.S. policies—earning a friendly smirk from Castro. Obama described the sit-down later as "candid and fruitful" and said he and Castro were able to speak about their differences in a productive way.

Even still, raw passions were on vivid display earlier in the day when Castro, in a meandering, nearly hour-long speech to the summit, ran through an exhaustive history of perceived Cuban grievances against the U.S. dating back more than a century.

Then, in an abrupt about face, he apologized for letting his emotions get the best of him. He said many U.S. presidents were at fault for that troubled history—but that Obama isn't one of them.

"I have told President Obama that I get very emotional talking about the revolution," Castro said through a translator, noting that Obama wasn't even born when the U.S. began sanctioning the island nation. "I apologize to him because President Obama had no responsibility for this."

Yemeni rebel mortar attack kills 3 Saudi border guards

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Yemen's Houthi rebels have killed three Saudi border guards in a mortar attack, the Saudi Defense Ministry said Saturday, as a plane loaded with medical aid arrived in the rebel-held Yemeni capital.

An unnamed military official quoted in the Defense Ministry statement said the incident took place Friday in the Saudi border province of Najran.

The Defense Ministry said its forces responded with gunfire, and that 500 Houthi fighters have been killed in clashes along the border since a Saudi-led air campaign against them began late last month. Earlier this month, three Saudi border guards were killed in separate clashes with the Houthis.

A plane loaded with badly needed aid meanwhile landed in Yemen's rebel-held capital, Sanaa, on Saturday.

Photos posted on the official Twitter account of the International Committee of the Red Cross showed aid work-

ers unloading the supplies. The group said the shipment consists of more than 35 tons of medical aid, generators and emergency sanitation equipment.

The first such delivery to the capital since the airstrikes began more than two weeks ago landed on Friday. Saturday's shipment was more than double the size of the previous one.

The Saudi-led coalition has imposed a virtual air and sea blockade on Yemen to prevent the Houthis and their allies -- loyalists of former autocrat Ali Abdullah Saleh -- from rearming. Saudi Arabia's regional rival Iran supports the Houthis, but both Tehran and the rebels deny it has armed them.

Aid groups say they are struggling to cope with the rising casualty numbers and shrinking food and fuel supplies. A smaller aid delivery arrived in the southern port city of Aden by boat earlier this week.

S I D E B A R

Obama meets Venezuela's president on sidelines of summit

PANAMA CITY (AP)—President Barack Obama met privately with his Venezuelan counterpart Saturday amid a bitter dispute between the two nations over recent U.S. sanctions on seven senior Venezuelan officials.

The meeting between Obama and President Nicolas Maduro took place on the sidelines of the Summit of Americas and lasted only a few minutes, according to a White House official, who wasn't authorized to comment by name.

The encounter comes after the Obama administration

declared the economic and political crisis in Venezuela a national security threat for the U.S. and froze the U.S. assets of seven officials accused of human rights abuses tied to anti-government protests last year in Venezuela.

Maduro and much of Latin America have condemned the action as an aggressive throwback to Cold War era that will only add to tensions in Venezuela at a time of deep divisions and calls by the opposition for Maduro to resign.

"President Obama indicated our strong support for a peace-

ful dialogue between the parties within Venezuela," said Bernadette Meehan, a spokeswoman for the White House's National Security Council. "He reiterated that our interest is not in threatening Venezuela, but in supporting democracy, stability and prosperity in Venezuela and the region."

Maduro later described the meeting as frank and cordial, saying the 10-minute exchange could lead the way to a meaningful dialogue between the two nations in the coming days.

"I told him we're not an enemy of the United States,"

Maduro said. "We told each other the truth."

Obama did not mention the encounter in remarks at the conclusion of the summit.

But during a speech at the summit, Obama defended his administration's right to criticize policies it doesn't agree with.

"When we speak out on something like human rights, it's not because we think we are perfect but it's because we think the ideal of not jailing people if they disagree with you is the right idea," he told regional leaders, without mentioning Venezuela by name.

Survivors, veterans recall Buchenwald horror 70 years on

WEIMAR, Germany (AP)—Buchenwald survivor Henry Oster recalls thinking that a fellow inmate had "lost his sense of reality" when he said 70 years ago Saturday that the concentration camp was being liberated, bringing an end to the long ordeal of the 21,000 surviving prisoners.

Oster, 86, visited the site near the German city of Weimar for the first time since its liberation on April 11, 1945—one of a group of survivors and vet-

erans who came to mark the anniversary of the liberation. Buchenwald was the first major concentration camp entered by American forces at the end of World War II.

"What I see here, where the barracks used to be, at every barrack there was a pile of dead bodies, this is in your memory forever," Oster said. "When someone asks how Buchenwald was, you immediately see the dead bodies again."

Around 250,000 prisoners in

total were held at Buchenwald from its opening in July 1937 to its liberation. An estimated 56,000 people were killed, including political prisoners, people dubbed "asocial" by the Nazis, Soviet prisoners of war, Sinti and Roma, and approximately 11,000 Jews.

Oster, a Jewish German born in Cologne, was taken to the Lodz ghetto in occupied Poland in 1941 and later to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. His father died of starvation and

his mother was gassed on the day they arrived at Auschwitz, he said.

In January 1945, Oster was sent on a "death march" to Buchenwald as the Nazis forced inmates westward in the face of advancing Soviet forces.

Entering the former camp through the wrought-iron gate that bears the words "Jedem das Seine"—"To each his own"—with its clock stopped at 3.15, the time of the liberation, Oster recalled that moment.

Health & Fitness

Cancer surge in China prompts rise of special patient hotels

BEIJING (AP)—Li Xiaohe has set herself up for the long haul in a cramped but sunny room in western Beijing, about a block from China’s most renowned cancer hospital. Her laundry dries on hangers and her husband cooks in a communal kitchen as she embarks on an 84-day program of chemotherapy, following the removal of part of her right breast.

The youthful, soft-spoken 43-year-old, who works as a neighborhood watch leader back home in Henan province, is living in one of the many so-called cancer hotels that dot the neighborhood around the hospital, giving patients an affordable, cozy place to wait for appointments and undergo outpatient treatment.

With lung, bowel and breast cancer rates surging in China, such hotels have sprouted up in big cities such as Beijing and Shanghai, part of an ad hoc response to what medical experts say is a growing health crisis challenging an unprepared medical system.

“The treatment back home is different from here, so we came here,” Li says in her bedroom, which is filled almost completely by her mattress. “At



In this photo taken Monday, March 16, 2015, Chen Shuhong is interviewed in front of the residential compound where she rents out apartments as housing for cancer patients in Beijing.

home, my insurance covers 85 percent of the cost. It’ll be good if I can even get half of it covered here. But I’m doing this for my health. I’m looking for the right treatment.”

These patients venture far for treatment believing they can’t find adequate care in hometowns, instead preferring to camp out near reputable,

big-city hospitals to await their turn for care. They do that even though government health insurance often covers less of the cost of care in Beijing and other big cities than it does back home.

The hotels, which mostly operate informally, don’t provide nursing but put patients closer to medical services and experts,

and give them a place to cook their own food and share tips with fellow patients.

Despite their name, they are not traditional hotels, but furnished units in apartment blocks near medical facilities, charging as little as \$7 a night per room. And while they occupy a legal gray zone, doctors often refer patients to them, and state-run media have published glowing articles about the need they are fulfilling.

They reflect a health emergency that has seen the number of lung cancer diagnoses nationwide jump by 16 percent in two years, and the lung cancer rate in Beijing soar by 60 percent over a decade, according to Chinese government figures. Lung cancer mortality rates grew from around 50 per 100,000 men in 2000 to nearly 60 per 100,000 a dozen years later, World Health Organization data show. Breast cancer rates have also grown among women, killing almost as many of them yearly as lung cancer.

By comparison, male lung cancer mortality rates in the United States have dropped from 55 per 100,000 people in 2000 to 40 in 2012, and from almost 25 per 100,000 Brazilian men in 2000 to 20 in 2012, according to WHO.

Persistently high rates of smoking as well as toxic air pollution help explain much of the rise, said Angela Pratt, who leads WHO’s work in China on tobacco control and non-communicable diseases such as cancer and heart disease.

“The rates of cancer, both the number of cases and the rates at which people are dying of cancer, are increasing in China, and that’s obviously a cause for very significant concern,” Pratt said. “That’s a huge increase in a relatively short amount of time. I would say it’s a critical situation.”

Visible evidence of that surge fills the Beijing Cancer Hospital, where hundreds of patients, some still wheeling suitcases from their long journeys, fill the corridors waiting for hours to be called. The hospital declined a request to speak to doctors or administrators there. China’s National Health and Family Planning Commission also didn’t respond to an interview request.

Cui Xiaobo, a newly retired social medicine professor at the Capital Medical University in Beijing, said sweeping health reforms that are still in the works would bring equal levels of care to people in cities and rural areas alike. Cui said rural doctors often aren’t adequately paid, which requires that they squeeze in extra patients or suggest unnecessary treatments to bring in more revenue.

Bone strength tied to more than calcium

QUINN ON NUTRITION

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“Better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it,” my mom used to say. That’s why we always had plenty of food for holidays...and why I still tend to over pack when I travel.

When it comes to nutrition, this wisdom could apply to the process of building strong bones. While babies are still in the womb, calcium and other bone-building nutrients are mobilized to develop their skeletal structure. During childhood, bones continue to grow in size and density. Peak bone mass—when our bones achieve their genetically determined optimal size and density—occurs for most of us between the ages of 18 to 25 years.

As we get older, we begin to lose more bone than we make, says the National Osteoporosis Foundation. And this is when earlier investments in our bone bank begins to pay off. If we don’t have it when we need it, we can develop osteoporosis, or “porous bones.”

Definitely, then, the most critical time to invest in bone building and strengthening is during the younger years. As we mature, our food choices help maintain what we have. An adequate supply of calcium and protein, for example, add strength and flexibility to our skeletal frame. And physical activity helps pump calcium into bones. A simple carton of yogurt before volleyball practice or a walk on the beach can help fortify bones, for example.

Vitamin D is essential as well. It helps the body absorb calcium and phosphorous, the minerals that give bones their strong framework. Without adequate vitamin D—from sunshine, food or supplements—bones become thin and brittle.

Collagen, a protein that allows our bones to bend without breaking, is manufactured in the body with the help of vitamin C. Think about that next time you grab an orange or throw some strawberries on your cereal.

Other nutrients critical for building and maintaining bone mass include potassium, magnesium and zinc—found in foods such as green leafy vegetables, beans, meat, fish, nuts, and whole grains.

Got the picture? Bone building takes more than calcium. Bones need a healthy dose of nutrients from all the major food groups, including fruits, vegetables, protein and high-calcium foods. Here are some good-for-your-bones foods:

- Milk, yogurt, cheese, fatty fish like sardines and salmon, fortified soy beverages (Calcium, Protein, Vitamin D)
- Collard, turnip and mustard greens, kale, Chinese cabbage (bok choy), broccoli (Calcium, Potassium)
- Tomatoes, raisins, prunes, bananas, spinach, potatoes, oranges (Potassium)
- Red and green peppers, oranges, grapefruit, broccoli, strawberries, Brussels sprouts, papaya (Vitamin C)
- Shellfish like oysters and crab, nuts and seeds, legumes, whole grains, yogurt (Magnesium, Zinc)

Like my mother said, Better to have it than to need it and not have it.

Personal Trainer

Two flexibility tests

If you’ve begun or want to begin regular stretching exercises, these tests will give you a good indication of how flexible your body is.

Sit and reach Tests lower back, hamstrings

Sit against wall with legs flat
Have helper put box against your feet and ruler on box



Difference between measurements				
Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent
6 in. (15 cm)	10 in. (25 cm)	12 in. (30 cm)	14 in. (35 cm)	16 in. (40 cm)

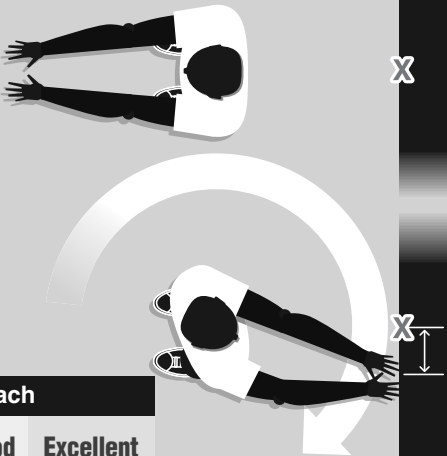
Trunk twist

Tests torso, shoulders

Put a mark on wall; stand in front of mark, an arm’s length from the wall and facing away from the mark

Hold arms level; twist body and knees as far to right as possible without moving feet and put mark on wall

Repeat on left side and average your results



Distance past mark you could reach				
Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent
0 in. (0 cm)	2 in. (5 cm)	4 in. (10 cm)	6 in. (15 cm)	8 in. (20 cm)

Life & Style

For this restaurateur, Saipan deserves 'something nice'

For restaurateur Vlad Melnik, Saipan deserves "something nice" when it comes to dining and relaxing.

Vlad, the owner of La Trattoria, an Italian restaurant located along Isa Drive, says this does not mean prices on the menu are exorbitant. Quite the contrary, Vlad adds.

He describes his restaurant as a family restaurant where one can have a nice meal with friends and loved ones in a cozy atmosphere.

It helps that the restaurant faces the sea and is right in the middle of the road going up Capital Hill, with a picturesque view of the ocean and Mañagaha Island.

According to Vlad, "La Trattoria," which loosely translates to "an eating place serving simple Italian dishes," lives up to its billing with simple yet authentic dishes made only from high-quality ingredients.

Vlad says the ingredients—from various cheeses and olive oil, to herbs, and spices, among others—are all imported from Italy.

They also bake their own bread and create their own selection of pizzas with two wood-fired ovens for that authentic Italian taste.

Pizzas, salads, and meat dishes are all made from authentic ingredients, Vlad says.

Returning diners might be surprised to see that the menu changes ever so often, which, according to Vlad, is a way for the restaurant to let customers discover "new tastes and new dishes."

He says he is very hands-on when it comes to the kitchen, but he is quick to add that the goal is not to "experiment," but to offer something new. "We love to cook," Vlad says.

Loyal patrons

La Trattoria used to be located in Garapan before transferring to its present location.

Vlad says he has been eyeing the Isa Drive location for many years before finally securing a long-term lease on the area.

The present La Trattoria has been in operations for two months now with a growing number of patrons.

"Our loyal customers followed us here," Vlad says, noting that he was pleasantly surprised to see residents in nearby communities going to La Trattoria.

He says the restaurant's usual clientele of doctors, lawyers, and expats are now joined by businessmen, residents, and tourists.

Speaking of tourists, Vlad says he wants diners to appreciate the effort and passion that goes with every dish prepared and served by La Trattoria's dedicated 12-man staff.

Wine selection

La Trattoria also has an extensive selection of wines and other drinks at its bar.

According to Vlad, the restaurant currently has 40 different kinds of wine.

"We have the biggest selection of Italian wines," he says,



JOEL D. PINAROC

The well-lit façade of the La Trattoria.

noting that 90 percent of the restaurant's wines are from Italy, and the rest are from France, Chile, and San Francisco.

He says some of the premium wines are sold by the glass. The selection caters to anyone who wants to have a sip of Italian wines, with some items priced from \$30 to \$80 per bottle.

If a customer is not so inclined to order a Merlot, Chardonnay, or a Cabernet, there is also a modest selection of imported Italian beers and other alcoholic drinks.

So if you are a diner or a foodie wanting to experience dining in an authentic Italian restaurant, La Trattoria is definitely worth a visit. **(Joel D. Pinaroc)**



JOEL D. PINAROC

A selection of house wines hangs on a driftwood centerpiece.



JOEL D. PINAROC

Vlad Melnik, the restaurant's owner, mans the bar.



JOEL D. PINAROC

Italian beers are also available on the restaurant's drink list.

911 call, writings, reveal ordeal of Bullock's home break-in

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sandra Bullock awoke early the morning of June 8 to find an intruder in her home.

She didn't know it at the time, but the man had lurked outside her gates for several days, writing in a spiral notebook about his obsession with the Oscar-winning actress. He had jumped her fence and rang her doorbell for 10 to 15 minutes before entering her home through a sunroom door.

Bullock got a glimpse of him as he walked past her bedroom and toward her attic, giving the actress an opportunity to seal herself behind a security door, hide in a closet and call police.

Details of the 50-year-old actress' ordeal were revealed during a hearing Thursday for Joshua John Corbett that ended with

a judge determining he should stand trial on stalking, burglary and other felony charges. Corbett's attorneys deny their client wanted to hurt Bullock and say they are hoping to resolve the case and get their client mental health treatment.

The items presented in court during a hearing this week and released on Friday include a two-page letter Corbett wrote to the Oscar-winning actress the day before he entered her home.

HIDING, PANICKED, YET POLITE

Once Bullock locked the door to her bedroom and got into the closet, she dialed 911. Over the next 15 minutes, she guided police through the gates of her home and led them to her location, opening the door only after



In this March 2, 2014 file photo, Sandra Bullock arrives at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre, in Los Angeles.

confirming with a police dispatcher that officers had secured the home.

Bullock's fear is evident on the call—she was breathing

heavily and sounded near tears at points. Although she saw only one man, Bullock heard what she thought were two voices. About three-and-a-half minutes

after calling police, Bullock heard a new noise.

"I hear them," Bullock said. "I hear someone banging on my door."

Police were already on their way, and a dispatcher assured the actress they were coming with lights flashing and sirens blaring. "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you," the actress responded.

"You're doing good," the dispatcher told Bullock about six minutes into the call.

"Thank you," Bullock said, letting out a nervous laugh.

The actress thanked the dispatcher 10 times during the call.

LOVE, YOUR HUSBAND'

When he was arrested, police found Corbett with a two-page letter professing his love for Bullock that was apparently

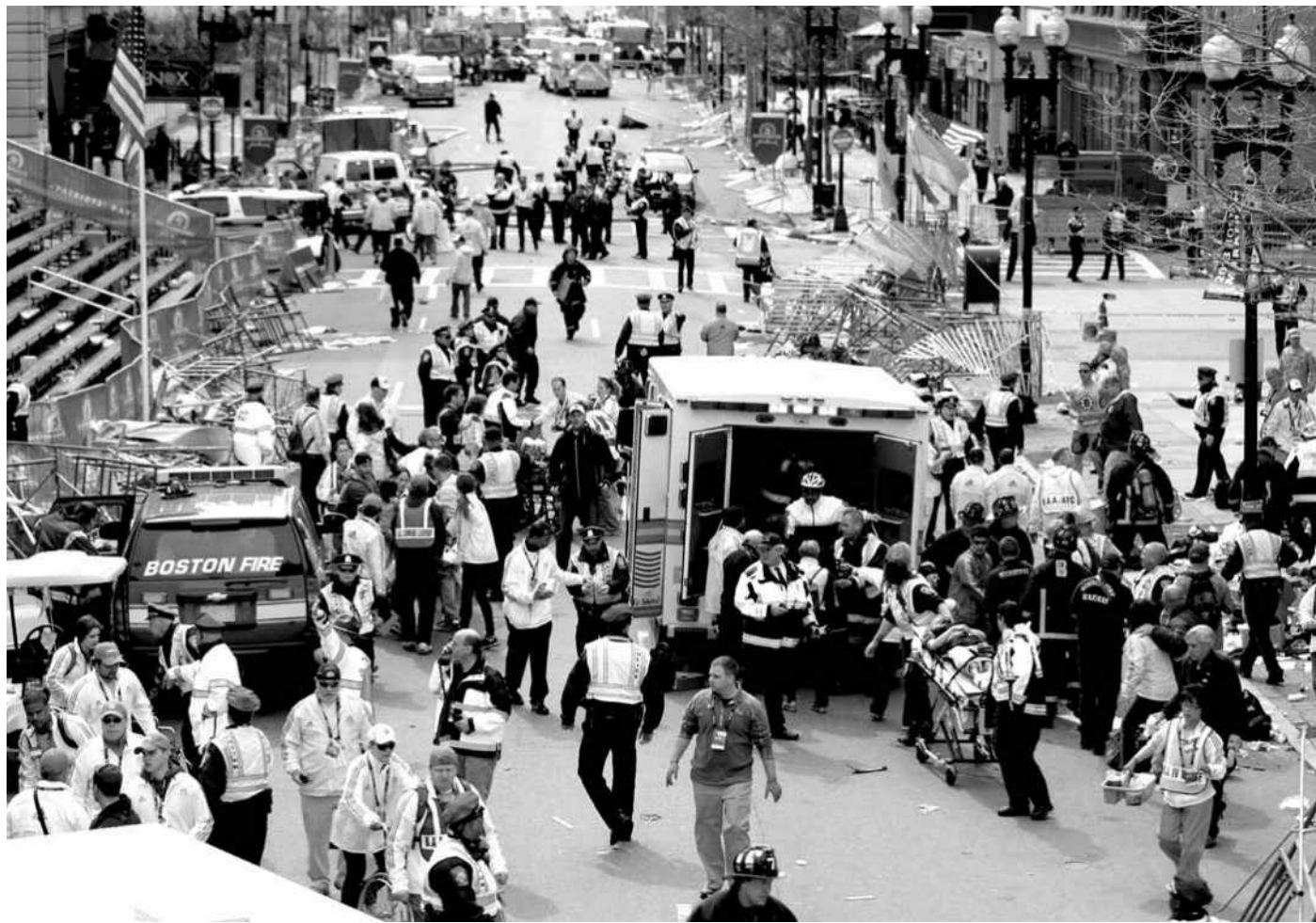
written the day before, about 20 hours before his arrest.

The letter makes clear Corbett has been watching Bullock, commenting on her comings-and-goings. "You could have had me today however you chose other people over me," the letter opens. "I'll be around as you know."

After his arrest, police reviewed Bullock's surveillance footage and saw Corbett outside the actress' gate on each of the three days before he hopped the fence.

The letter was signed, "Always and forever, Love, your husband."

Police also found a spiral bound notebook with 25 pages of writings commenting on Bullock, her life and Corbett's perceived relationship with her.



In this April 15, 2013, file photo, medical workers aid injured people following an explosion at the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon in Boston.

Boston cool to Wahlberg's plan for movie on marathon attack

BOSTON (AP)—Two words: too soon.

That's the overwhelming reaction to actor Mark Wahlberg's plans to produce "Patriots' Day," a feature film about the deadly bombing of the 2013 Boston Marathon.

Columnists, pundits and others say that the pain and suffering caused by the attack is still too fresh and too real for the families of the three killed and the hundreds of people injured to think about making a movie. Wahlberg, who grew up in Boston, is taking a beating.

"How does someone who markets himself as 'a Boston guy' not see that it is far too soon, that the city is still far too sad for its trauma to be transformed into mass entertainment?" wrote Eileen McNamara, a former columnist for The Boston Globe who now teaches journalism at Brandeis University.

Others questioned the timing of the announcement—two weeks before the second anniversary of the bombing and in the middle of the federal trial of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the 21-year-old who was convicted Wednesday in the attack and could be sentenced to death. CBS Films said the movie will be based on a firsthand account from former Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis of the investigation and massive manhunt for Tsarnaev and his brother, who died during a gunbattle with police.

During the trial, marathon spectators gave heartbreaking testimony about losing legs in the explosions or watching people bleed to death on the sidewalk. The father of the youngest victim—8-year-old Martin Richard—described making the agonizing decision to go get help for his 6-year-old daughter, whose leg had been blown off, after realizing his son would not make it.

"The trial has served as almost a movie of the events it-

self, making the concurrent announcement of a fictionalized portrayal feel unnecessary and inappropriate," wrote Charlotte Wilder of boston.com.

"Maybe one day, even someday relatively soon after the trial, turning the events into a film worthy of the story would help the healing and honor the lives of those affected," she wrote.

"But for now, Wahlberg—who plays up his Boston roots whenever he gets the chance—picked the wrong time to break the news."

Liz Norden, the mother of two sons who each lost a leg in the bombing, said it's "way too soon" to make a movie about the attack and she believes Hollywood won't be able to capture the agony of that day.

"I don't think that could ever be re-created," Norden said.

"I've sat in the courtroom with survivors and family members and seen what everybody is going through," she said.

"It's been two years ... but people who live it day in and day out, their lives are just coming back somewhat. For people dealing with putting legs on every day or people who lost loved ones, that doesn't go away."

Still, Norden said, if someone has to make a movie about it, it might as well be Wahlberg. "He's from Boston," she said.

Davis declined to discuss the movie with The Associated Press. He told The Boston Globe he turned down several earlier offers for movies and books. He said representatives of CBS Films told him they were going to make the movie anyway.

"Because I'm a public person, I didn't have the right to stop them. I could either work with them or not," Davis told the newspaper.

"I talked to them at length and I thought it would be better to have some input—to make sure that the depiction was done properly."

'Mad Men' star Hamm was accused in violent fraternity hazing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—"Mad Men" star Jon Hamm took part in a violent college hazing in 1990 at the University of Texas that led to criminal charges and to the fraternity chapter permanently disbanding, according to court and school records obtained Thursday.

The Emmy-nominated actor had not previously been publicly linked to a lawsuit filed by a Sigma Nu pledge who said he was severely beaten, dragged by a hammer and had his pants lit on fire. In the 1991 lawsuit, the pledge said Hamm participated "till the very end."

Criminal records show Hamm, now 44, was charged with hazing and received deferred adjudication, which under Texas law means he had to successfully complete probation but was never

convicted. A separate charge of assault was dismissed.

Representatives for Hamm and "Mad Men" creator Matthew Weiner did not respond to requests for comment Thursday.

None of the records were sealed, but Hamm was not famous when the incident happened and his connection to the case didn't come to light until Star magazine reported on it this week.

The case resurfaced just as the critically acclaimed "Mad Men" begins airing its final season on AMC.

According to the lawsuit, Hamm became "mad, I mean really mad" after the 20-year-old Sigma Nu pledge failed to

recite things he was supposed to memorize about Hamm and other fraternity members. For Hamm, his list included "Young Bobby," "MC Hammer" and "UT Football Punching Bag."

The pledge, Mark Allen Sanders, said Hamm went on to set his jeans on fire, shove his face in dirt and strike him with a paddle.

"He rears back and hits me left-handed, and he hit me right over my right kidney, I mean square over it," Sanders said in the lawsuit. "Good solid hit and that, that stood me right up."

Sanders said he needed medical care and withdrew from the school. Court records show the lawsuit was dismissed in 1993.



Hamm

Rapper and reality TV star Nelly arrested on drug charges

NASHVILLE (AP)—Rapper and reality TV star Nelly is facing felony drug charges after being arrested in Tennessee on Saturday.

Tennessee Highway Patrol said in a news release that Nelly, whose real name is Cornell Haynes, was pulled over about 9:20 a.m. because the bus he was riding in failed to display a U.S. Department of Transportation and International Fuel Tax Association sticker.

According to the release troopers smelled marijuana when they reached the bus.

When troopers searched the bus, they found five rocks that tested positive for meth, as well as a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Troopers also say they found numerous handguns.

The St. Louis native is facing charges including felony possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A toddler disc jockey fascinates South African fans

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—At first it seems like a fluke—a 2-year-old playing with the knobs and buttons of a sophisticated music system. Yet, the pint size boy is in control of the beat of the bass-heavy house music. He is South Africa's youngest disc jockey, DJ AJ.

At a shopping mall appearance, a crowd gathers around the young boy as he bops his head to the beat, his large headphones slipping off. Adults whip out their cellphones to capture the moment while children just stare.

Oratilwe Hlongwane is still learning to put together words but the toddler is already able to select and play music from a laptop and has become a viral phenomenon on South Africa's social media.

His mother, Refiloe Marumo, credits his father's decision to buy an iPad for his then unborn son. Glen Hlongwane planned to download educational apps to speed up his child's education. Hlongwane, a gymnastics coach and aspiring DJ, also downloaded a disc jockeying



AP
In this Monday, April 6, 2015 photo, two-year-old Oratilwe Hlongwane, also known as DJ AJ to his fans, plays with the buttons and knobs of a sophisticated music system in control of the beat of the bass-heavy house music at his Alexandra home in Johannesburg.

His newfound fame has brought special appearances and sponsorship deals many older DJs dream of.

But celebrity has also brought some criticism as some accused his parents of abuse and profiting from their child's precocious ability.

"I'm not going to exploit my kid," said his father. DJ AJ's parents will not allow him to play in clubs or at parties.

Hlongwane and Marumo are adamant that they will not force their son to be a DJ when he grows up, but say they believe his affinity for electronic equipment will probably decide his future.

app for himself.

At about a year old, DJ AJ learned how to manipulate the gadget. Not satisfied with number recognition games, he began

to fiddle with his father's DJ app.

The parents were blown away when their son, still in diapers, repeated what he had learned on the app on actual DJ equipment,

playing with sound effects and bouncing between songs. A cellphone video of him playing went viral and now DJ AJ has nearly 25,000 Facebook fans.

Argentine judge orders arrest warrant for Justin Bieber

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—An Argentine judge has issued an arrest warrant for Justin Bieber on Friday, saying the singer failed to respond to summons related to allegations he ordered bodyguards to attack a photographer in 2013.

Judge Alberto Julio Banos ordered the "immediate detention" of Bieber and bodyguards Hugo Alcides Hesny and Terrence Reche Smalls.

An email sent to a Bieber representative was not immediately returned.

Bieber is accused of sending the bodyguards to attack photographer Diego Pesoa outside a

Buenos Aires nightclub. Bieber never returned to Argentina to respond to questions about the incident.

Under Argentine law, Bieber would face from one month to six years in prison if convicted on a charge of causing injuries.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the warrant would extend beyond Argentina. Calls to the judge's office Friday afternoon were not answered.

In comments to local station Telefe Noticias, Pesoa's lawyer implied that the warrant would force Bieber to return to the South American country.

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP)—On a visit to Armenia, Kim Kardashian has seen that stardom's privileges have limits.

Kardashian, along with husband Kanye West, their daughter and her sister Khloe on Saturday were in Gyumri, a city 90 kilometers (55 miles) northwest of the capital Yerevan, where records show some Kardashian ancestors lived.

When the entourage went into the Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God, bodyguards tried to close its doors to keep journalists and onlookers away. But the local bishop, Mikayel Adjapagian, sharply objected to obstructing worshippers from the church.

The bodyguards relented and the doors stayed open.



AP
Kim Kardashian, in red, her sister Khloe Kardashian and Kanye West, right back, walk after visiting the memorial to the victims of genocide in Yerevan, Armenia, Friday, April 10, 2015.

Afterwards, the Kardashians and cameramen shooting

footage for their reality show went to a house where ances-

tors once lived. The house is currently unoccupied.

Friendly divorce may be best for wife in unhappy marriage

DEAR ABBY: I'm 38, married for 16 years and the mother of two small children. I was recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer and had a hysterectomy to remove it.

My husband has cheated more than once in the past, and since my recovery I have realized I never forgave him for it. I kept quiet and pretended I didn't know. Now I am bitter, angry and hurt. He goes out and stays out constantly. He does help with the kids, but I know I don't belong here. I know what I want, and it's not this life with him anymore.

I know I can leave at any time, but I feel my children deserve to be raised with both parents in the home since neither of us had that when we were growing up. (My father died. His parents divorced when he was a toddler.) His family has been my family since the beginning of our relationship.

I want my children to grow up thinking marriage is forever and growing old with your partner is great. I want them to have what I did not. If we are civilized and "pretend to be in love," would my children be OK? I'm willing to stay in this marriage until they are old enough and on their own before I walk away.

Will they understand that I sacrificed my happiness for them to live with both parents? I want to be in love and happy, but would rather raise my babies with their father than someone else. Your advice is greatly appreciated.

WILLING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WILLING: OK. First, let's talk about your diagno-

sis and the treatment you had. Being diagnosed with a life-threatening illness can cause anyone to rethink how one has been living one's life. It can cause all sorts of repressed emotions to boil to the surface, causing anger, bitterness and hurt. Before making any life-changing decisions, please talk with your doctor, a marriage counselor and your husband about those feelings.

If you think that staying in an unhappy marriage with a man who goes out and stays out constantly while pretending to be in love would be healthy for your children, I'd be less than honest if I didn't warn you that you would be doing them a disservice. Even if you could pull it off and the kids didn't sense the tension between you and your husband, how do you think they'll feel when they are older and realize what they were led to believe was a happy marriage was a lie?

Because you feel so strongly about raising them with your husband, my advice is to make every effort to clear the air and work out your marital problems with him. That said: It takes two to tango. If he is unwilling to cooperate, all of you might be happier if you separated and agreed to an amicable divorce and shared custody. I'm not saying it would be easy, but it can be done if both parties are willing.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received an invitation to a small wedding that specified the attire to be "dressy casual." I'm thinking of wearing a pair of nice black slacks, a white sweater and a black

DEAR ABBY

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leather jacket.

Is it appropriate to wear black at a wedding ceremony? And who is the dress code guru who decides these matters?

DAN ON THE WEST COAST

DEAR DAN: MY "dress code guru" for weddings is Emily Post. According to Emily, "dressy casual attire" for men is a seasonal sport coat or blazer and slacks; a dress shirt, casual button-down shirt, open-collar or polo shirt; optional tie and loafers or loafer-style shoes with socks. The rule about not wearing black to a wedding was discarded years ago, and it applied to women—not men.

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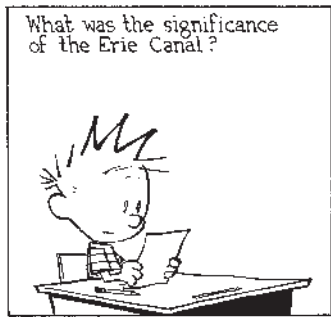
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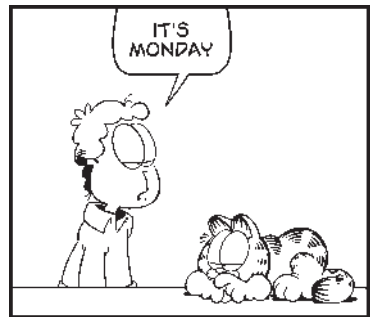
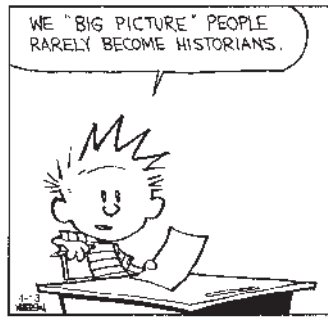
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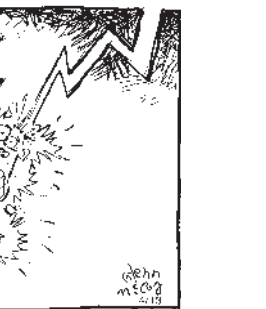
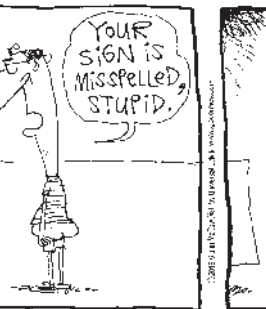


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35 Rational

36 Churlish types

38 Pit of your stomach

40 "CS" find

41 "Peter Pan" pooch

43 Grace, for one

45 Cyndi Lauper hit

47 Glutton

48 Ball prop

49 Willa Cather work

54 Listening device

55 Oyster prize

56 Seek damages

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58 Fry lightly

59 Grow old

10 Faction

11 Back of the foot

16 Promptly

20 Pinches

21 "Spare tire"

22 Car to a prom

23 Willa Cather work

27 Joke

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30 Calendar quota

32 Hardly fascinating

34 Boost

37 Gets nosy

39 Tiny amount

42 Breathlessness?

44 Past

45 Goblet feature

46 Listen to

50 Water (Fr.)

51 Mex. neighbor

52 Carpet

53 Witness

Solution time: 26 mins.

Friday's answer 4-13

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alison Williams, 27; Lorenzo Cain, 29; Rick Schroder, 45; Al Green, 69.

Happy Birthday: Explore new opportunities. Expand your circle of friends and associates. Check out trends and ways to stay up to speed with the changing world around you. Embrace love and family, and be open to ideas and suggestions from those you admire and trust. Mental, physical and financial growth can be yours if you are progressive and aggressive in your pursuits. Your numbers are 2, 9, 23, 26, 33, 38, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Set boundaries. If you want a relationship to develop nicely, you'll have to pay attention and strive for equality. Don't take anything for granted. Use your intelligence and versatility to make things happen. Romance will lead to a higher standard of living. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep situations in perspective. Taking on too much or making demands on others will backfire. Emotions will run high, causing arguments at home or at work. Be willing to compromise if you want to avoid repercussions. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make changes rather than just talking about them. Follow your heart and discuss your plans with someone you want to share your future with. Commitments to something you want to pursue will pay off emotionally and financially. ★★★★★

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Future progress will depend on your reactions to those around you. Consider how you really feel before you discuss personal matters with those you are close to. A change of heart will cause confusion. Re-evaluate what you want and avoid overreacting. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Learn from past mistakes. Don't expect peers to be up-front about intentions when it comes to advancement. You will receive recognition and rewards if you are diligent and follow through with your promises. Don't let your personal life interfere with work. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Everything looks promising. Don't wait for things to come to you. An active approach to achieving what you want will bring you great satisfaction, rewards and future opportunities. Put love and romance at the top of your list. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a deep breath and refuse to get caught up in the drama going on around you. Focus on the creative and refrain from being tempted by someone with ulterior motives. Be bold, but stay practical and avoid excess. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Go after what you want, but keep fair play in mind. If you try to manipulate a situation to suit your needs, you will be cut short. Con-

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centrate on home, family and personal happiness, not outside influences. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid sharing personal or professional information with anyone. Someone will use your knowledge to outsmart you at your own game. Work quietly toward your goals in a progressive and private manner. Caution now will help prevent disappointment later. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Set up an interview, update your resume, look for a better position or start your own business. You've got what it takes to get ahead, so don't wait to take action. Love is on the rise. ★★

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By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

9	7	5	3	2	1	4	6	8
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5	3	1	2	9	6	7	8	4
4	2	6	5	8	7	1	9	3

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID
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Spieth sets another Masters record, has 4-shot lead

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Jordan Spieth seized control of the Masters with a performance not seen since another 21-year-old, Tiger Woods, first blazed his way around Augusta National.

He made four birdies in five holes on the back nine to stretch his lead to seven shots. Standing on the 17th tee, he already was on the same score—18-under par—that only Woods had ever reached in the Masters.

And then it all changed Saturday in two holes.

Out of nowhere, Spieth made a double bogey. Ahead of him, former U.S. Open champion Justin Rose poured in a 20-foot birdie.

In the worst spot he had been all week, Spieth ended 30 minutes of chaos with a bold shot that saved his par, set another Masters scoring record and gave the 21-year-old Texan a four-shot lead over Rose going into the final round.

On a day of charges and cheers for the biggest names in golf—Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and Phil Mickelson—Spieth now gets to return and do this all over again.

“We’ve got a long way to go,” Spieth said after his 2-under 70.

It might have felt even longer without one last display of his exquisite short game. Spieth put his approach on the 18th into the gallery, right of the green, behind a bunker with the green below and running away from him. He took the high-risk option that offered his best chance to save par—a flop shot off a



AP
Jordan Spieth watches his hit out of a bunker at the seventh hole during the third round of the Masters golf tournament Saturday, April 11, 2015, in Augusta, Ga.

tight lie—and pulled it off to perfection.

Spieth saved par from 10 feet to stay at 16-under 200, breaking by one the 54-hole record held by Woods (1997) and Raymond Floyd (1976).

“That just took some guts,” Spieth said. “And having been in this scenario, or having been in contention enough, having been on tour for a few years, I felt comfortable enough playing that full flop. If you caught me a year-and-a-half ago, I probably never would have played that shot in that scenario.”

“Seeing any putts go in on 18

is nice,” he said. “I would like to have maybe a couple of them” on Sunday.

Considering the shrinking size of his lead and the caliber of players behind him, Spieth might need them.

Rose closed with five birdies on his last six holes for a 67, and that birdie on the 18th put him in the final group for the first time in a major.

“Jordan was so far ahead that it was almost ... you were just playing your own game,” Rose said. “It was nice to stay patient and get rewarded with a hot fin-

ish. It’s amazing, and it put me in with a great opportunity tomorrow.”

Mickelson wore a pink shirt in honor of Arnold Palmer because he knew he needed a big charge, and the three-time Masters champion delivered a 40-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole on his way to a 67, despite two bogeys on the back nine. Mickelson was five shots behind.

Woods and McIlroy will play together in the final round of a major for the first time, though both are 10 shots behind.

Spieth knew what he was facing even before he started.

Woods, who for three rounds has made everyone forget about that guy who shot 82 in the Phoenix Open earlier this year, ran off three straight birdies early in the round, and he threw a victorious fist pump after a most improbable birdie on the 13th hole. McIlroy made eagle on his second hole, went out in 32 and inched closer to Spieth on the back nine.

Both of them stalled at the end. McIlroy made bogey on two of the last three holes for a 68. Woods made a bogey from

the bunker on the 18th for his 68.

For a short time late in the afternoon, Spieth made the green jacket ceremony seem like a formality.

Four shots ahead of Charley Hoffman, Spieth buried a 10-foot putt on the 12th hole and another birdie from about the same distance at the 13th. He followed a three-putt bogey on the 14th hole by making two more birdies, and his lead was up to seven shots as the trees began casting long shadows.

He looked in total control at what is the most peaceful time of the day at Augusta National.

And then it was shattered. Spieth chipped weakly to the 17th green and three-putted for a double bogey.

It was a reminder how quickly comfort can vanish. A year ago, Spieth was on the wrong end of a four-shot swing over two holes in the final round at Augusta. He went from a two-shot lead to a two-shot deficit and never caught up to Bubba Watson.

“Last year definitely left a bad taste in my mouth,” Spieth said. “I’ve been looking to get back, looking at trying to get some revenge.”

The story line should sound familiar—a 21-year-old with a four-shot lead going after his first major at Augusta National. Four years ago, that was McIlroy, who shot 80 in the final round. Now it’s Spieth’s turn, and he at least knows what to expect.

“I think the good thing for him is he’s already experienced it once,” McIlroy said. “He’s played in the final group at the Masters before. It didn’t quite happen for him last year, but I think he’ll have learned from that experience. I think all that put together, he’ll definitely handle it a lot better than I did.”

McIlroy all but ruled out his chances of adding the Masters to his collection of majors. Only one player in major championship history has rallied from 10 shots behind on the final day. That was Paul Lawrie at Carnoustie in the 1999 British Open, and Jean Van de Velde is nowhere to be found.

Woods wasn’t willing to concede.

He mentioned Greg Norman’s collapse in 1996 after the second round, and McIlroy’s collapse after he finished up his third round.

“I’m going to have to put together a really special round of golf tomorrow,” Woods said. “You never know around this golf course.”

Raptors put Heat on brink of elimination, beat Miami, 107-104



MIAMI (AP)—Lou Williams scored 29 points, DeMar DeRozan added 24 and the Toronto Raptors put the Miami Heat on the brink of playoff elimination with a 107-104 victory Saturday night.

Greivis Vasquez and Kyle Lowry each scored 12 points and Patrick Patterson had 11 for the Raptors, who clinched home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Dwyane Wade scored 30 points for the Heat, who can only get to 37 wins—the number that Brooklyn and Boston are already at, putting them in the No. 7 and No. 8 spots in the Eastern Conference race. Goran Dragic scored 22 points for Miami and Hassan Whiteside finished with 16 points and 18 rebounds.

But Whiteside also missed 12 free throws, going 4 for 16, and the Heat went 24 of 44 from the line.

Williams hit a 3-pointer with 31.2 seconds left to put the Raptors up by five, and that just about sealed not just the game but Miami’s playoff fate. The Heat must win their last two games, and get a ton of help

to reach the postseason for the seventh straight year.

It was Toronto’s first road win over the Heat since Nov. 19, 2008, ending a 10-game slide on Miami’s home floor. The win was Toronto’s 48th of the season and 22nd on the road, both tying franchise records.

Warriors 110, Timberwolves 101

In Oakland, California, Stephen Curry scored 20 of his 34 points in the first half, Klay Thompson made three 3-pointers in the final 4 minutes and Golden State set yet another franchise record.

The Warriors broke their franchise record with their 37th home win. They have lost only twice at home and lead the NBA with a 65-15 record.

Curry made five 3-pointers, went 11 of 21 from the floor and had seven assists to help the Warriors complete a four-game sweep of Minnesota. Thompson had 23 points, Draymond Green added 13 points and 14 rebounds, and Harrison Barnes had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Andrew Wiggins had 17 points, six rebounds and nine assists for Minnesota. The Tim-

berwolves have dropped 10 straight to fall to 16-64.

Knicks 80, Magic 79

In Orlando, Florida, Cole Aldrich had a career-high 19 points and New York beat Orlando in a game that had the lowest-scoring quarter in NBA history.

The teams combined to score only 15 points in the second quarter, breaking the record of 18. The previous NBA mark was accomplished three times, the last by Utah and Detroit on March 13, 2005.

The Knicks scored eight points in the quarter, shooting 3 for 20 from the field with a pair of turnovers. The Magic had seven points and were 3 for 19 from the field, with seven turnovers.

Aldrich also had 14 rebounds to help the Knicks win for the second time in 13 games. Tim Hardaway Jr. added 13 points, including a late 3-pointer that proved to the winner.

Victor Oladipo had 21 points for the Magic.

Clippers 94, Grizzlies 86

In Los Angeles, J.J. Redick and Blake Griffin scored 18 points

each and Los Angeles pulled away to beat Memphis, taking a step toward securing home-court advantage for the playoffs.

DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and 16 rebounds and Chris Paul had 15 points and 14 assists to help the Clippers win their fifth in a row.

They could finish anywhere from second to sixth in the tightly bunched Western Conference. Wins in their last two games could allow the Clippers to open their fourth consecutive playoff appearance at home.

Zach Randolph had 21 points and 13 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who lost starter Marc Gasol to a sprained left ankle late in the first quarter.

Jazz 111, Trail Blazers 105

In Portland, Oregon, Trevor Booker scored a career-high 36 points and Utah beat Portland.

Portland’s hopes of home-court advantage in the playoffs slipped away. The Blazers won the Northwest Division, but the four teams with the best records in each conference get home court in the post season and the Blazers can’t catch the Los Angeles Clippers, who beat Mem-

phis on Saturday night.

Damian Lillard hit a short jumper to pull the Blazers to 101-99, and Robin Lopez’s layup tied it at 101 with 2:33 to go. Rodney Hood’s short jumper gave the Jazz back the lead, and Booker added a pair of free throws for a 105-101 Utah lead and the Blazers couldn’t catch up. Hood finished with 21 points.

Lillard led the Blazers with 28 points, and CJ McCollum had 26.

Bulls 114, 76ers 107

In Chicago, Pau Gasol had 24 points and 13 rebounds and Derrick Rose—in his third game back after missing two months following knee surgery—had 22 points and eight assists in 28 minutes in Chicago’s victory over Philadelphia.

The Bulls remained tied with Toronto for third place in the Eastern Conference with two games to go for each team.

The 76ers dressed just nine players, but stayed close with an aggressive, attacking style on both ends. Robert Covington led Philadelphia with 22 points, Jason Richardson had 19, and JaKarr Sampson 18.

Adams homers, spurs Cardinals to 4-1 win over Reds



CINCINNATI (AP)—Matt Adams delivered his first home run of the season, and the St. Louis Cardinals ended the Cincinnati Reds' season-opening winning streak at four with a 4-1 win on Saturday.

Kolten Wong had a sacrifice fly, Jhonny Peralta and Yadier Molina added ninth-inning run-scoring singles and Michael Wacha pitched into the seventh inning to get the win in his first appearance of the season.

Wacha (1-0) shook off Todd Frazier's first-inning home run to go 6 1-3 innings, allowing five hits and one run with a walk and two strikeouts.

Adams' homer is the only earned run allowed by Reds starter Johnny Cueto in 14 innings this season—0.64 ERA. Cueto (0-1) gave up four hits and two runs in seven innings.

Tigers 9, Indians 6

In Cleveland, Ian Kinsler hit an RBI single and Yoenis Cespedes doubled in two runs during Detroit's four-run ninth as the Tigers stayed unbeaten with a win over the Indians.

Kinsler's fourth hit a single off closer Cody Allen (0-1)—broke a 5-all tie and helped the Tigers improve to 5-0 for the first time since 2006. The Tigers had to rally twice after Cleveland's Jerry Sands delivered a pair of clutch doubles.

Miguel Cabrera also had four hits for Detroit, which has now outscored its opponents 39-11.

Ian Krol (1-0) got the win despite giving up an eighth-inning double to Sands.

Mariners 5, Athletics 4, 11 innings

In Oakland, California, Nelson Cruz hit his first home run for Seattle and Brad Miller threw out a runner at the plate in the 10th inning and doubled in the go-ahead run in the 11th, lifting Seattle over the Athletics. Cruz hit a three-run drive in the eighth off Dan Otero to put the Mariners in front 4-2. Oakland tied the score in the bottom half on RBI doubles by Ben Zobrist off Danny Farquhar and Brett Lawrie against Carson Smith.

Tyler Olson (1-0) pitched around two hits and two walks in the 10th.

Fernando Abad (0-1) was the loser.

Red Sox 8, Yankees 4

In New York, Joe Kelly pitched one-hit ball for seven innings and the Red Sox ran over the Yankees, hours after winning their own New York City marathon.

Bleary-eyed, the teams started at 1:08 p.m. following Friday night's game that took 19 innings and finished at 2:13 a.m. Brock Holt, the only posi-

tion player on either side who didn't get into that 6-5 Boston victory, had four hits and drove in three runs.

Kelly (1-0) came off the 15-day disabled list and saved Boston's bullpen. He retired his final 17 batters, and struck out eight.

Adam Warren (0-1) gave up one earned run in 5 1-3 innings. Chris Young homered off reliever Alexi Ogando in the eighth.

Rays 2, Marlins 0

In Miami, Chris Archer pitched seven crisp innings, and the Rays beat the Marlins.

Archer (1-1) allowed one hit and one walk, with the latter runner erased trying to steal, while throwing only 84 pitches. Two relievers completed the two-hitter, with Brad Boxberger pitching the ninth for his second save in two chances.

Pinch-hitter Tim Beckham hit his first career homer leading off the seventh, and Evan Longoria doubled home the other run for the Rays.

Jarred Cosart (0-1), making his first start of the season, lost despite allowing only one run in six innings.

White Sox 5, Twins 4

In Chicago, pinch-hitter J.B. Shuck had a go-ahead RBI single in the eighth inning to give the White Sox their first win of the season.

Shuck lined a 1-1 pitch from Twins reliever Blaine Boyer (0-1) with two outs, scoring Alexei Ramirez. Conor Gillaspie was thrown out at the plate as he tried to score from second.

Former Yankees closer David Robertson struck out the side in the ninth for his first save with Chicago. The White Sox lost their first four games.

Left-hander Zach Duke (1-0) worked a scoreless eighth for the win.

Phillies 3, Nationals 2

In Philadelphia, Odubel Herrera doubled home the winning run in the 10th inning with his first major league hit.

Carlos Ruiz led off the inning with a single off Tanner Roark (0-1). He advanced on a deep flyout and scored when Herrera doubled down the right-field line.

Wilson Ramos hit a solo homer for the Nationals, who wasted a strong outing by Doug Fister.

Dustin McGowan (1-0) pitched a scoreless 10th.

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 1

In Baltimore, Ubaldo Jimenez (1-0) struck out eight and allowed one single over seven innings, and Jonathan Schoop hit a grand slam.

Alejandro De Aza and Chris Davis also homered for the Orioles, who rebounded from



AP
Cincinnati Reds' Todd Frazier rounds the bases past St. Louis Cardinals shortstop Jhonny Peralta (27) after Frazier hit a solo home run off pitcher Michael Wacha in the first inning of a baseball game, Saturday, April 11, 2015, in Cincinnati.

ez homered during a five-run fourth inning against Jered Weaver (0-2), and AL champion Kansas City improved to 5-0.

Jeremy Guthrie (1-0) threw 94 pitches in his season debut, allowing four runs and six hits in seven innings as he began a \$25 million, three-year contract. It was his first start that mattered since he took the loss in World Series Game 7 against San Francisco.

Greg Holland followed Wade Davis out of the bullpen and pitched a perfect ninth inning for his third save. The Royals and Atlanta are the only big league teams whose relievers have not allowed a run.

Weaver threw 85 pitches in 4 1-3 innings and was charged with six runs, seven hits and four walks.

Cubs 9, Rockies 5

In Denver, Chris Coghlan and Mike Olt hit consecutive solo homers in the third inning, Dexter Fowler had two triples and Colorado dropped to 4-1. The Rockies have never started 5-0.

Starlin Castro also added a solo shot for the Cubs, who entered without a home run this season. Chicago was limited to three runs through the opening three games, but finally erupted at hitter-friendly Coors Field. The Cubs had 12 hits Saturday, which was as many as they had coming in.

Jason Hammel (1-0) allowed three runs and eight hits in six innings against his former team. He also had two singles.

Kyle Kendrick (1-1) surrendered a career-high eight runs in five innings.

Rangers 6, Astros 2

In Arlington, Texas, Yovani Gallardo (1-1) won his home debut for his hometown team, striking out seven in 5 2-3 innings in his first appearance at Globe Life Park, just a few miles from where he grew up in Fort Worth. The right-hander was part of an offseason trade with Milwaukee.

Adrian Beltre circled the bases on a triple and an error for the game's first run, and Elvis Andrus had a two-run single when Texas scored three more unearned runs in the fifth inning after the second of three errors by Houston.

Roberto Hernandez (0-1) allowed five hits and five runs—but just one earned—while walking four in 4 2-3 innings in his debut for Houston.

a 12-5 loss to Toronto in their home opener Friday.

After Tommy Hunter worked a hitless eighth, Zach Britton gave up a double to Steve Tolleson and an RBI single to Edwin Encarnacion in the ninth.

Aaron Sanchez (0-1) allowed three runs and seven hits over 3 1-3 innings for the Blue Jays in his first major league start.

Braves 5, Mets 3

In Atlanta, Julio Teheran (2-0) allowed three runs—one earned—two hits and four walks in six innings, failing to retire five batters in the seventh. Jim Johnson faced four batters in the ninth for his first save, and the Braves improved to 5-0 for the first time since winning their first seven games in 1994.

Dillon Gee (0-1) gave up five runs and eight hits in five innings.

Freddie Freeman homered for the Braves, who improved to 100-55 against the Mets at Turner Field.

Brewers 6, Pirates 0

In Milwaukee, Jimmy Nelson (1-0) struck out a career-high nine in seven innings and al-

lowed two hits, Jean Segura hit a two-run homer and the Milwaukee Brewers became the last team in the majors to win this season.

Hector Gomez added a two-run single for Milwaukee, which stopped a four-game losing streak by tagging Vance Worley (0-1) for six runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Pittsburgh played without All-Star outfielder Andrew McCutchen, who sat out as a precaution with left knee soreness.

Padres 10, Giants 2

In San Diego, New Padres ace James Shields was masterful in outpitching October nemesis Madison Bumgarner, who lasted only three innings.

Shields (1-0) held the Giants to one run and three hits in seven innings, struck out seven and walked one for his first victory with the Padres. He signed as a free agent in February. He combined with two relievers to hold the Giants to five hits.

Bumgarner (1-1), the World Series MVP, allowed five runs and 10 hits to the Padres' new-look offense. Justin Upton, Derek Norris and Will Middlebrooks each had two hits off

the lefty.

Bumgarner beat Shields, then with Kansas City, in Games 1 and 5 of the World Series, and then pitched five scoreless innings of relief in Game 7.

Diamondbacks 6, Dodgers 0

In Phoenix, Archie Bradley (1-0) made a dazzling major league debut, allowing one hit over six innings to outpitch Clayton Kershaw.

The seventh pick on the first round of the 2011 amateur draft, Bradley struck out six, walked four and singled for his first hit. He became the fifth rookie starter to make his first start against a reigning Cy Young Award winner and the fourth to earn a win.

Kershaw (0-1) lasted 6 1-3 innings and gave up 10 hits, including Paul Goldschmidt's two-run homer in the seventh. Goldschmidt has home runs in four straight games against the Dodgers dating to last season.

Kershaw did not allow 10 or more hits in any regular-season game in 2014.

Royals 6, Angels 4

In Anaheim, California, Mike Moustakas and Salvador Per-

Steelers safety Troy Polamalu retires

PITTSBURGH (AP)—His flowing locks bouncing off the top of his No. 43 jersey, Troy Polamalu spent more than a decade flying across football fields as the heady but humble backbone of a defense that fueled the Pittsburgh Steelers' return to the NFL's elite.

Now, his singular career is a part of franchise lore. Move over Joe Greene, Jack Lambert and Mel Blount. You've got company.

Polamalu, an eight-time Pro Bowler and 2010 NFL Defensive Player of the Year, is retiring after 12 seasons, telling the only team he's ever played for that it's time for the next phase of his life. Polamalu's retirement was first reported by the Uniontown (Pa.) Herald-Standard.

"Troy is a shining example of a football man in the way he loved the game, the way he respected the game and the way he played the game," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said in a statement. "It's a shining example of the window into who he is. He is a legendary Steeler and a legendary man."

Taken with the 16th overall pick in the 2003 NFL draft out of USC, Polamalu's frenetic style and preternatural instincts allowed him to thrive in Hall of Fame defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau's 3-4 defense. At his peak, Polamalu was arguably the most disruptive player in the league. His ability to anticipate what was coming became highlight fodder that will live on for generations, whether he was leaping over the line of scrimmage while trying to stuff a quarterback sneak or feath-



In this Oct. 2, 2011, file photo, Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, right, talks to strong safety Troy Polamalu during an NFL football game against the Houston Texans in Houston.

ering his fingertips under the ball to pluck a pass before it struck the ground.

Still, beneath the hair that earned him a lucrative endorsement deal and the splash plays that changed the course of seasons—including a pick-six against Baltimore in the 2008 playoffs that paved the way for the team's sixth Super Bowl title—was a man who defined himself as more than just a football player. He was open about his deep Christian faith and made the sign of the cross gesture following tackles.

Soft-spoken and thoughtful, Polamalu's quiet nature away from the game played in stark contrast to the hell-bent way he went about his job. He embraced the role of mentor late in his career, taking expected successor Shamarko Thomas under his wing two years ago,

even inviting Thomas to train with him on the west coast last spring, a regimen that Thomas joked was akin to learning how to be a ninja.

"His actions as a human being were just as impressive as any of the many inhuman plays he made on the football field," Steelers general manager Kevin Colbert said. "We were very fortunate to have him be a part of our organization for the past 12 years."

Polamalu finishes with 32 career interceptions, a dozen sacks, seven fumble recoveries and five touchdowns. The numbers, however, hardly do justice to the way Polamalu could wreak havoc on opposing game plans. LeBeau loved to say simply "Troy will be Troy" when asked how the Steelers might use Polamalu on a given Sunday.

While LeBeau's system

relied heavily on discipline and disguise, Polamalu was given expansive freedom to go where he felt the ball was headed. He was right more often than he was wrong. Yet his relentless play took a toll on his sturdy but hardly chiseled 5-foot-10, 213-pound frame. He played a full 16-game schedule just twice in his final six seasons, missing more than half of 2012 with calf problems and four games in 2014 following a fluky knee injury. Polamalu returned in time for Pittsburgh's loss to Baltimore in the wild-card round of the playoffs, registering five tackles in what turned out to be his final game.

Polamalu, who had two years remaining on his contract with the Steelers, said in the aftermath of the loss he would have to wait and see

what the future held.

Polamalu told the Herald-Standard he never considered playing for another team and decided it was time to move on when he wondered if he could make the commitment necessary to play another season.

His departure marks the third significant shake-up for a defense in transition during a busy offseason. LeBeau left in January after not having his contract renewed and free agent linebacker Jason Worilds abruptly retired in March at age 27.

LeBeau landed a job with Tennessee and Worilds is young enough that a comeback isn't out of the question. Not so with Polamalu, who could become the first member of the core group that led the Steelers to two Super Bowl wins and three appearances in six seasons to be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Tributes came pouring in through social media in the aftermath of Polamalu's announcement, with opponents who spent long Sunday afternoons dreading dealing with Polamalu tipping their caps in reverence to an iconic career.

Tim Tebow tweeted Polamalu was one of the "toughest, smartest and kindest players I played against" while San Francisco wide receiver Torrey Smith—who tangled regularly with Polamalu while playing for the Ravens—tweeted "Polamalu would do some crazy things on the football field....loved watching him play and competing against him."

It's a feeling echoed by nearly all that witnessed Polamalu's freakish talent in person.

"We've been fortunate to have great players throughout the years, but he of course would be one of the top players," Steelers chairman Dan Rooney said. "He did everything with dignity and responsibility, and it was special to have Troy be a Steeler his entire career."

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Toronto	48	32	.600	—
Boston	37	42	.468	10 1/2
Brooklyn	37	42	.468	10 1/2
Philadelphia	18	62	.225	30
New York	16	64	.200	32
Southeast Division				
z-Atlanta	60	19	.759	—
x-Washington	45	34	.570	15
Miami	35	45	.438	25 1/2
Charlotte	33	46	.418	27
Orlando	25	55	.313	35 1/2
Central Division				
y-Cleveland	51	28	.646	—
x-Chicago	48	32	.600	3 1/2
Milwaukee	39	40	.494	12
Indiana	36	43	.456	15
Detroit	30	49	.380	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
x-Memphis	54	26	.675	—
x-San Antonio	54	26	.675	—
x-Houston	53	26	.671	1/2
x-Dallas	48	31	.608	5 1/2
New Orleans	43	36	.544	10 1/2

Northwest Division				
y-Portland	51	29	.638	—
Oklahoma City	43	36	.544	7 1/2
Utah	37	43	.463	14
Denver	29	50	.367	21 1/2
Minnesota	16	64	.200	35

Pacific Division				
z-Golden State	65	15	.813	—
x-L.A. Clippers	54	26	.675	11
Phoenix	39	41	.488	26
Sacramento	27	52	.342	37 1/2
L.A. Lakers	21	58	.266	43 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	4	1	.800	—
Baltimore	3	2	.600	1
Toronto	3	2	.600	1
Tampa Bay	2	3	.400	2
New York	1	4	.200	3
Central Division				
Detroit	5	0	1.000	—
Kansas City	5	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	2	3	.400	3
Chicago	1	4	.200	4
Minnesota	1	4	.200	4

West Division				
Oakland	3	3	.500	—
Texas	3	3	.500	—
Houston	2	3	.400	1/2
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	1/2
Seattle	2	3	.400	1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Atlanta	5	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	3	2	.600	2
New York	2	3	.400	3
Miami	1	4	.200	4
Washington	1	4	.200	4

Central Division				
Cincinnati	4	1	.800	—
Chicago	2	2	.500	1 1/2
St. Louis	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Milwaukee	1	4	.200	3
Pittsburgh	1	4	.200	3

West Division				
Colorado	4	1	.800	—
Arizona	3	2	.600	1
San Diego	3	3	.500	1 1/2
San Francisco	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	2

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of Tan Holdings made it to the transition almost together with the former overtaking his after despite a slow start.

Alverick had to wait for his car to get fixed before joining

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ing twice in the game. He had two triples including a two-RBI triple in the fifth.

Kimo Aingalen tossed four not-hit innings while retiring five and walking three batters he faced.

SENIORS

Red Sox 5, Enforcers 4
Jobe Reyes singled and scored on a walk-off error for the Red Sox.

With the game tied at 4-4, Enforcers center fielder J.J. Chong tried to get Reyes out, while going to third but overthrew the

Kitami, Cuki, and Yoshiro at the starting line and the long lull did not suit well for the former as he was several seconds behind when the race kicked off before he managed to grab third place midway in the race. Misfortunes continued to hit Team Century, as its second

ball allowing the Red Sox second baseman to score the winning run.

Nate Camacho gave up four earned runs on three hits in four innings on the mound while striking out 10 batters and walking two.

BIG LEAGUE

Fielders 5, NSA Braves 2
Kai Wanket gave up one hit in 4.1 shutout innings on the mound and went perfect at the plate for the Fielders.

Wanket forced the Braves to either fly outs or grounders that was fielded cleanly by his teammates. He went 3-for-3, all singles, with one run scored.

rider Carlos Rivera went off the course and was later disqualified. Dan Sanchez was the team's third rider. A bad break also caught MRH Kamikaze as its third rider, Faunni Jelulua, did not complete the last lap of the race due to mechanical problems.

With their opponents having a tough time in the finals, the 59ers secured the victory with Malakai making it to the finish line about one lap

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on four hits fanning eight and walking three.

Lizama scored one run on a 2-for-4 batting with an RBI double in the top of the third that allowed Juan Iguel to reach home plate. He had two RBIs.

Lieto and Lizama held the Brewers to a combined 5-for-32 batting or .156 and had runners left on base eight times.

ahead of Tan Holdings' Roman Alvarez.

Twenty-nine teams participated in the annual event, which started holding qualifying races since last Monday. Teams were down to 10, plus two wildcard entries. Tan Holdings got one of the wild card bets and went on to finish second behind the 59ers. Trophies and cash prizes were awarded to the 59ers and Tan Holdings, while Team Century and MRH Kamikaze

Batting champion Nokki Saralu went 0-for-4 striking out in the eighth with one RBI, while Marvin Kaipat had a 1-for-3 appearance at the plate with one run and led off the fifth with a double. Jessie, who walked, scored the Brewers' other run.

The Falcons, the 2007 titlists, enjoyed a 4-0 lead after 4 1/2 innings with Peter Lieto scoring their first run in the top of the second.

ERA and strikeout king Vince

split the cash prize and shared the third place award as they were rewarded with their efforts in the finals.

"We would like to thank all the teams for their patience and support despite a very long race and tough condition. Gratitude also goes to our sponsors and the spectators who came and stayed despite the rain," said race chair Palik Thompson of Mariana Resort.

Cepeda only lasted 2.1 innings after giving up three runs, two earned, on one hit while fanning two and walking three batters.

Roy Celis pitched 6.2 innings in relief and was tagged with two earned runs on five hits with seven strikeouts and one walk.

Game 2 will be played on Wednesday, April 15, after Brewers center fielder Tyrone Omar's father passed away. Both teams agreed to reschedule the match.

Akimaru, Chentsova extend reign in 'Escape'

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Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru and Victoria Chentsova ruled the Escape from Managaha for the fifth straight time.

Akimaru was the fastest male finisher in the 2.4-kilometer crossing from Saipan's famous island to Micro Beach after clocking in at 38:06, while Chentsova topped the women's field with her 38:31. Both swimmers' times were just a few minutes behind their winning times last year (36:50 and 37:11) and they still beat the 40-minute barrier despite the tough course conditions last Saturday.

"The current was so strong and pushing me away from the course," the 14-year-old Akimaru said.

"This year is one of the most difficult Escape from Managaha races I did. I was aiming to swim toward the side facing

Mt. Tapochao, but the wind and current kept pushing me to the other side," Chentsova said.

Chentsova and Akimaru came out of the water from the opposite direction with the latter leading several swimmers from the Hyatt side of Micro Beach and the former from the American Memorial Park side of the course. The course condition was so tough that some swimmers struggled getting out of the water first before recovering on their way to the shore toward the finish line. Volunteer kayakers also had to chase swimmers heading way too far on the Hyatt side of Micro beach, while some participants ended up taking a longer run to the finish line after getting out of the water.

Joining Akimaru and Chentsova in the Top 10 were Christian Villacrusis, who crossed the finish line with the latter, Taiga Sato (38:42), Angel Marie Tan (39:42), Lennosuki



Akimaru



Chentsova

Suzuki (39:45), Angel De Jesus (40:40), Abby Carruth (45:39), David Boyer (45:43), and Jin-

nosuke Suzuki (46:11).

Fifty-five others completed the race, which drew 69 participants and nearly doubled last year's total (35). Among the

55 other finishers were family members. R.J. Pierce (56:30) did the race with grandmother Carol Lynn Pierce (1:18:14) and so did siblings Jinju (46:13) and Jinie Thompson (1:02:30) and their father Colin (1:05:17), husband and wife Kathy (1:03:54) and Brad (1:11:00) Ruszala, husband and wife Goshi (1:11:25) and Atsuko (1:11:25) Sato and their daughter Ayaka (1:04:49), and Nami Kadokura (1:18:00) and her son Akira (1:01:47).

Another mother-and-son pair finished the race with Rinto Takahashi (56:32) finishing ahead of mother Kaoru (1:18:10), while Ricky Castro (1:13:24) came in ahead of son Erico (1:20:15). Husband and wife Joshua and Mamiko Berger finished the race nearly at the same time after posting 1:07:56 and 1:07:57, respectively, so did the son-and-father tandem of Richie (1:19:05) and Richard (1:19:10) Villagomez.

Completing last weekend's finishers list were You Adrian Libayan (47:17), Dhurba Karki (48:53), Tony Stearns (51:01),

Jomar Danas (52:22), Salofi Welch (52:44), Aly Martin (53:12), Eran Sheriff (54:50), MacKenzie Hampel (57:32), Fernando Java (58:05), Rintaro Miyawaki (58:17), Eric Abrogan (58:57), Kaitlin Mattos (58:57), Taiyo Akimaru (59:07), Amrit Limbu (1:00:41), Britta Baechler (1:01:22), Claire Kelleher Smith (1:01:22), Nap Dizon (1:03:11), Caleb Leung (1:07:23), Christopher Tenorio (1:09:03), Avra Heller (1:09:59), Erin Kelle (1:09:59), Jacoby Winkfield (1:10:45), Roy Adsit (1:11:41), Megan Jungwittanaporn (1:14:12), Zach Frey (1:14:47), Allen Perez (1:15:06), Florencio Antonio (1:16:27), Ross Naughton (1:16:37), Tomomi Sato (1:19:42), Jennifer Kogure (1:19:50), Max Simian (1:22:01), Tiffany Lin (1:24:11), Yumiko Mizuno (1:33:36), Emma Perez (1:33:36), and Brian Flaherty (1:42:34).

Meanwhile, SSC would like to thank Sun Rider, Sea Venture, Department of Public Safety, Coca-Cola/Powerade, and the volunteer kayakers for making last weekend's race possible.

Kimiko tops age group in XTERRA Guam

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Saipan's Kimiko McKagan clinched an age group championship in XTERRA Guam, while pros Ben Allen and Carina Wasle topped the men's and women's divisions of last Saturday's muddy race.

McKagan completed the event that featured a 1.5-kilometer swim, 35K bike, and 8.2K run in 4:03:38 to emerge as the runaway winner in the women's 45 to 49 age group. She finished more than 30 minutes ahead of Guam's Michelle Santos (4:39:58) and Japan's Yasue Yoshimi (5:02:01). The Saipan triathlete had a split time of 34:06 in the swim leg to place No. 66 out of 104 participants, was ranked No. 62 in the bike with her 2:17:38, and No. 42 in the run leg after registering 1:11:54.

McKagan finished 45th over-

all out of 85 finishers, just one notch behind another Saipan bet, Lorie Hutchison, who was the lone entry in the 50 to 54 age group and timed in at 4:02:49 with split times of 34:11, 2:13:54, and 1:14:44.

Meanwhile, in the pro division, Allen bagged his second victory in the XTERRA Asia Tour with his third consecutive triumph in Guam, while Wasle recorded her first win of the season.

Allen, who got his first victory in XTERRA Saipan last month after falling short in XTERRA Philippines in February, made it two in a row as he completed the Guam race in 2:26:28. As usual, he was first out of the water with his 19:56 and was the lone swimmer to finish the two-lap race under 20 minutes. The Australian pro was also the No. 1 biker with his 1:18:42 to pad his lead against

eventual runner-up and XTERRA Philippines winner Bradley Weiss of South Africa. Allen went on to complete his domination of in XTERRA Guam despite its similar race condition to XTERRA Saipan with an impressive time (fastest) in the run leg (46:46). The Aussie made it to the finish line more than 10 minutes ahead of Weiss, who clocked in at 2:36:42.

Rounding out the Top 7 in the men's division were Japan's Takahiro Ogasawara (2:40:17), Austria's Benesch (2:41:53), Guam's Charlie Epperson (2:44:36), the Philippines' Joe Miller (2:55:00), and Korea's Kaon Cho (2:59:32).

In the women's division, there was a close finish for first between Wasle and XTERRA Saipan champion Jacqui Slack with the former winning by only 30 seconds after timing in at 2:44:21 against the latter's 2:44:51.

The Austrian pro overhauled Slack's early lead after finishing the bike leg about three minutes ahead of the triathlete from the United Kingdom, 1:29:25-1:31:12. Slack was the first female out of the water with her 21:51, while Wasle was third and No. 11 overall after posting 23:35. Wasle managed to hang on to her slim lead, as she recorded 51:21 in the run leg against the 51:48 of Slack.

Guam's Meko Carey completed the Top 3 after clocking in at 2:56:10, while last year's XTERRA Guam winner Renata Bucher (3:09:16) dropped to fifth behind the United Kingdom's Daz Parker (3:03:51). Australia's Belinda Hadden rounded out the pro finishers and timed in at 3:19:11.



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Saipan's Kimiko McKagan, left, poses with fellow age group champion Sarah Huber during the awards ceremony for last Saturday's XTERRA Guam.

Lopsided results in SEDA Masters division

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A pair of lopsided results highlighted Week 7 of the Bud Light-Saipan Electronic Darts Association Masters league's Winter/Spring season held last week in various bars on the island.

The Sand Juvy Shoot Balut scored a 13-4 win over the Jokers Scratch 'N' Sniff (46-73) to improve to 70-49 just a game behind the second-running Jokers Destroyers (71-48). The Sand Juvy TDI Summit is still on top of the standings with a 75-44 mark.

The Destroyers also scored an easy 12-5 win over the cellar-dwelling Sand Juvy Pythons

(44-75), while TDI Summit trounced the Jokers Darting Chelu's (51-68).

The Shoot Balut swept all four matchups they played in the singles events with Albert Guevarra, Omar Quindosa, Julian Camacho, and Gavis Gille dispatching their respective opponents.

A Division

- 101 Proffers 14, No Fear 3
- Predators 13, Warriors 4
- Mafia 10, Voyagers 7
- Huntlaw 10, Sakude 7
- Darry 9, Snipers 8

Tuesday B

- Pasaway 13, Dabarkads 2
- Atarashi Boyz, Dartaholics 7
- Titans 8, Like It Or Not 7

Fanihi B

- Mixblood 10, Warriors 5
- Latte Sparts 9, Dragons 6
- 80 Proffers 9, Sunrisers 6
- Preba Darts 9, Fearless 6

Flame Tree B

- Serial Killaz 12, No Fear 3
- Kyodai!!! 11, Reald Deal 4
- Snipers 10, Na'Gupu 5
- Ridin' Darry 8, One Shot 7

Chichirika

- Darty Flights 14, Blue Koi's 1
- DNA Jump It 9, Bull-It 6

Kingfisher

- Hafa Mas 11, High Flyers 4
- Spartans 8, Sea Ricks 7
- Chagi Fan 8, Dart Knights 7



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Members of Sand Juvy Shoot Balut celebrate their 13-4 win over the Jokers Scratch 'N' Sniff in the Masters Division of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association's weekly league.



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59ers rule HANMI go-kart tourney



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A 59ers rider holds the checkered flag while making a victory lap in last Saturday's 3rd Annual HANMI Go-Kart Race at the Mariana Resort Seaside Circuit.

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The 59ers bagged the championship in the rain-delayed 3rd Annual HANMI Go-Kart Race held last Saturday at the Mariana Resort Seaside Circuit.

The winning team is composed of driver Masaki Kitami, Larry Castro, and Duke Malakai, and coach Max Castro. They prevailed in the finals against Tan Holdings, Team Century, and MRH Kamikaze. The finals featured the four teams that made the grade in the last of a series of qualifying races, which were halted several times by strong rain. The 59ers and Tan Holdings emerged as the Top 2 finishes in Group 2 semis, booting out Red Bull, which got a bad break in the final qualifier due to mechanical problems. MRH Kamikaze and Team Century were on Group 1 and advanced to the finals against one of the favorites, SPN Babe, which bowed out of competition after having steering wheel problems in the semis.



In the finals, Kitami started things off for the 59ers and completed the five-lap race (one mile per lap) in nearly five minutes to give his team a good lead. Race organizers did not keep track of the time as winners were only decided after all three members completed the course (five laps each).

The 59ers second driver, Larry Castro, was already heading out to the course when MHR Kamikaze's Yoshiro Kitami entered the transition area to give way to their second rider, Yuta Kitami. Team Century's Alverick Alvarez and his father Cuki

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Falcons crush Red Sox in Juniors, 33-3

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Leo Salalila went perfect at the plate and the Falcons had a pair of seven-run innings in cruising to a 33-3 crushing of the Red Sox in the Juniors division of the Saipan Little League yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Salalila went 4-for-4 with three singles and a double,

while crossing home plate six times. He also had six RBIs including a three-RBI double in the top of the first when the Falcons scored seven runs.

The Falcons also made 10 runs in the top of the fifth as they capitalized on the sloppy defensive plays of the Red Sox where they committed seven errors.

Noel Cabrera surrendered

two runs, one earned, on four hits in four innings. He also had six strikeouts with no walks.

Arby Yoquel came in the bottom of the fifth to shutdown the Red Sox. He gave up a single to Justin Aubuen and Jaime Pangelinan, who was tagged out going to second on a 6-4 putout play.

Tindin Leon Guerrero had a fielder's choice, while Jade Reyes had an RBI single to let Aubuen cross home plate.

Yoquel struckout Derrick Reusaura and hit Christian Alepuyo by pitch before ending the game when he forced Lizann Deleon Guerrero to ground out to second.

JUNIORS Fielders 13, Enforcers 0

Don Ada drove in five runs on a 3-for-4 batting, while scor-

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JON PEREZ

The Falcons' Noel Cabrera safely reaches first base after the Red Sox's Jaime Pangelinan, left, fails to quickly pick up the ball as teammate Lizan Deleon Guerrero looks on.



Lieto, Lizama help Falcons take opener

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Peter Lieto tossed three shutout innings in relief, while A.J. Lizama drove in two runs to help the Falcons pull-off a 5-2 decision over the defending champion GSM Brewers in Game 1 of the Saipan Baseball League finals last Friday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Lieto came in bottom of the seventh with the Falcons holding on to a 4-2 lead. He had quick 1-2-3 innings and quickly retired the first three batters he faced in the seventh.

After Lamarc Iguel scored on Lizama's sacrifice fly for the final count, Lieto ended the Brewers' comeback hopes in the bottom of the ninth. He struck out Pat Alepuyo then forced Marvin Kaipat to an infield fly.

The game ended when Lieto

forced Lancaster Secharmidal to fly out to left fielder L.J. Norita as the Falcons took the opener of the best-of-five title series.

Lieto gave up a lone hit, an infield single to Manny Sablan in the bottom of the eighth, while striking out six and walking none. Lizama pitched six innings in the start surrendering two unearned runs

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